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Lakeshore to offer virtual learning option

Parents, students will need to choose between in-person or online learning when school returns

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — With the scheduled start of school just six weeks away, Lakeshore Public Schools has announced it plans to offer students two options – the newly created Lakeshore Virtual Academy, or traditional in-person instruction with enhanced safety protocols.

However, Lakeshore Superintendent Phil Freeman told trustees Monday morning that it remains unknown whether face-to-face instruction will be a viable option, due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases.

"I will tell you, that's up in the air right now," he said.

The region is currently in Phase 4 of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's "MI Safe Schools Roadmap," which was released on June 20. Schools are allowed to reopen for in-person instruction in Phase 4, as long as strict safety protocols are in place. Students and staff in sixth through 12th grades are required to wear face masks, while students and staff in the lower grades are only required to wear face masks during school transportation and in the hallways.

More details on the district's plan and the governor's roadmap can be found on the district's website at www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us.

Freeman said the number of COVID-19 cases was down locally a couple of weeks ago, and he believed that the region would perhaps be upgraded to Phase 5 by the time school started. In Phase 5, facial coverings are strongly recommended, but are no longer required.

"But of course, we have seen that there's been an uptick in COVID cases and there's been an uptick in the number of people hospitalized here in Berrien County and across the region," he said. "Now our fear is not that we could be continuing in Phase 4, but we might be slipping back into Phase 3."

And under Phase 3 school buildings are closed.

Freeman said that the Lakeshore committee working on the plan to reopen schools decided that even when this region reaches Phase 5, they are going to stick with Phase 4 requirements.

"It's a higher level of safety, I believe," he said. "This decision was made in cooperation with the other superintendents across the county and, again, with the blessing of the Berrien County Health Department. We think that offers less confusion and a higher level of safety."

Even when the region moves into Phase 6 – where everything returns to normal – Freeman said Lakeshore staff will continue to emphasize healthy habits, such as frequent hand washing and coughing into your elbow.

Five days a week

Freeman said the in-person option will be five full days of school each week. He explained that after much conversation, the committee decided that a hybrid program would actually expose the students to more people, because if they only attended school for half of a day, many parents would have to send them to daycare the other half.

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Amanda Drew, Senior Director of Impact Strategies at the United Way of Southwest Michigan, has recently been accepted into the United Way Worldwide Fellowship Program.

United in leadership

United Way's Amanda Drew chosen for worldwide fellowship program

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Amanda Drew's work with the United Way of Southwest Michigan has taken her to every corner of Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

Now it's taking her, in a sense, around the world.

Drew, the agency's senior director of impact strategies, was recently selected to participate in the prestigious United Way Worldwide Fellowship Program. This leadership program is an accelerated year-long development experience designed for core leaders of United Way that have demonstrated results and capacity to lead United Way and support communities.

"I'm extremely honored and excited to be chosen for the program," she said.

Q&A
Amanda Drew

"I've already begun some of the workshops. I'm thrilled to be learning from some of the top leaders not only in the United Way system in the United States, but throughout the world."

Drew not only heads up the impact work done by UWSM, she has had an integral role in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic locally.

Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Alexandra Newman recently spoke with Drew about her work with United Way and this leadership program.

What are some of the things you'll be learning in the leadership program?

Right now we're talking about listening. We started with networking with a purpose. Then we are also talking about communication styles and how to adapt your communication styles with the individuals you're communicating or networking with. There's an asking curious questions unit, and exploring diverse perspectives is coming up. That's just in the first section. We'll be covering a lot of different things.

What are you hoping to use from this going forward in your job?

I'm hoping to learn skills and techniques to be a stronger leader not only within our local United Way, but throughout Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties. I hope to be able to network with colleagues throughout the United Way system to learn best

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PRIMARY ELECTION

2 candidates seek Berrien County treasurer seat

It's Weich vs. Rolling on Aug. 4 ballot

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ROLLING

WEICH

Four months after former Berrien County Treasurer Bret Witkowski left his post, county voters will have a chance to choose his successor on Aug. 4.

Republicans Troy Rolling and Shelly Weich will face off in the primary for the treasurer's position.

The seat carries a four-year term. Because there are no Democratic challengers, the winner of the primary will have a clear path in the general election.

Rolling, of Benton Township, is a former vice chairman of the Michigan Republican Party and has been a state party committeeman and attended two national conventions.

He previously ran for the 79th state representative seat, losing in the August primary in 2016 and 2018. Rolling also ran unsuccessfully in 2004 for a seat on the Berrien County Board of Commissioners. He has served three years as a Benton Township planning commissioner and is a member of the Southwest Michigan Leadership Council.

If elected as county treasurer, the 47-year-old said he wants help new homeowners understand the process of paying property taxes in an effort to limit foreclosures.

"When I sat down to understand what the role was ... (I realized) I can contribute in the educational part of it. The vast majority of the foreclosures are in the 49022 ZIP code," said Rolling, who lives in that ZIP code. "I believe education is the best way to reduce the amount of foreclosures that take place year in and year out."

Rolling said he doesn't believe the treasurer needs to be in the office every day. Instead, he proposes a more face-to-face role with residents.

"There are plenty of people who can handle the day-to-day operations," he said. "The treasurer needs to be in the public and have those discussions about what we can do in reducing foreclosures. My experience has given me the relationships that have helped me to do that."

His opponent has served as treasurer since Witkowski left office in April.

Weich, of Baroda, has worked in the treasurer's office for the last 12 years, 10 of which have been as chief deputy treasurer.

The 51-year-old said she chose to run for office because of the experience she has accrued in the treasurer's office.

"I wanted to expand on my experience and knowledge that I have to better serve the county and increase the efficiencies of the

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Berrien County hiring more contact tracers as COVID-19 cases rise

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The Berrien County Health Department is once again hiring more public health nurses.

"With COVID-19 cases increasing locally, our contact tracing efforts are more important than ever. We are looking for more people to join our team, particularly nurses," the department wrote on its Facebook page Monday.

The job posting, at http://berriencounty.org/581/Employment, says the department is looking for registered nurses or licensed practical nurses on a part-time temporary, supplemental basis to help with contact tracing.

Berrien County gained 49 new COVID-19 cases over Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The last time Berrien County gained around that many new cases in a weekend was May 16-18, when the county gained 44 new cases.

The county gained just 15 additional recoveries over the weekend, and is holding steady at 60 recorded deaths.

There are now about 166 active COVID-19 cases in Berrien County, up from 132 on Friday and 108 last Monday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating nine COVID-19 patients as of Monday morning. That's down two from Friday, and up three from last Monday.

As of Friday, Berrien County had about 4 percent of its COVID-19 tests coming back positive, Cass County had 3.5 percent and Van Buren County had 2.3 percent.

Cass County added 13 cases over the weekend, while Van Buren County added 20. Neither county recorded any new deaths.

During that similar weekend in May, mentioned above, Cass County gained 10 cases over the weekend, while Van Buren gained nine.

COVID-19 testing

It was announced late last week that InterCare Community Health Network was moving its Bangor COVID-19 testing site.

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Federal aid helps Mich. fill $2.2B hole; more sought

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

Michigan Office of the Governor via AP, File

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer addresses the state during a speech June 17 in Lansing. Michigan lawmakers will return to session to pass a multibillion-dollar plan to resolve the deficit caused by the coronavirus shutdown – with a mix of spending cuts, a drawdown of the state's savings and a big influx of federal rescue aid.

LANSING — Michigan lawmakers will return to session to pass a multibillion-dollar plan to resolve the deficit caused by the coronavirus shutdown – with a mix of spending cuts, a drawdown of the state's savings and a big influx of federal rescue aid.

The framework of the deal was announced three weeks ago by Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Republican legislative leaders. But now negotiators are ironing out specifics in hopes of patching the remaining $2.2 billion budget hole this week before turning their attention to another major shortfall in the fiscal year that starts in October.

The first step is being made much easier thanks to $3 billion from the coronavirus relief law.

K-12 schools will see their base per-student grant reduced by $256 million but then more than offset with $512 million to cover COVID-19 costs they previously incurred or will face while preparing to reopen, as of now, in late August and early September. The agreement includes similar maneuvers for university, community college and local government funding.

There appears to be a wink-and-a-nod understanding that the money – combined with fund shifts – can be used creatively to effectively address budget shortfalls despite restrictions in the federal rescue package. Whitmer and legislators have been urging Congress to provide spending flexibility.

The state deal includes a $500 "hazard" bonus for each teacher. One sticking point is it does not include a one-time pay hike for other workers like cooks and janitors.

The Michigan Education Association, the state's largest education union, is "advocating that these funds be divided fairly among all school employees – not just teachers – in recognition of the efforts of education support professionals throughout this pandemic, including sanitizing facilities, making and delivering meals, and completing other critical work to keep students learning," said president Paula Herbart.

As part of the agreement, the state will pull $350 million from its $1.1 billion "rainy day" fund. It is just the second time that will have happened in 15 years and will be the most shifted out in 18 years.

A key thing to watch for is details on $490 million in "savings" included in the framework and the impact on state workers and department budgets and programs. About 31,000 employees, two-thirds of the workforce, have taken temporary layoff days since May – some earlier. The furloughs could be extended beyond the end of this week, at the same time an extra $600 a week in unemployment benefits they have been getting will expire unless the payments are renewed by Congress and President Donald Trump.

Both the state budget office and legislative staff were tight-lipped about cuts, citing ongoing talks. Whitmer is expected to issue an executive order with reductions to departments after previously ordering them to restrict discretionary spending, while some related moves will require lawmakers to vote.

Once legislators complete the 2019-20 supplemental budget – the goal is this week – they will confront a projected $3 billion shortfall for the budget year that begins in more than two months. The strategy is to press Congress for additional funding in the next relief package, though the parties in nation's capitol are divided over how much aid to send to cash-strapped states and cities that are pleading for money.

Time is not on the side of K-12 districts and charter schools that face uncertainty over their 2020-21 funding while working on reopening plans that depend on what phase their region is in under Whitmer's return-to-school road map.

"Everybody's focused on the idea of getting schools back open again. That's the focus of every single administrator in every school district in Michigan right now. But they can't answer all the questions that need to get answered until they have budget certainty," said Robert McCann, executive director of the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education – a coalition of Detroit-area superintendents.

The group has estimated schools will need at least $1 billion more to operate in the pandemic while the school aid fund could see a $1.1 billion shortfall next fiscal year.

"This is going to start moving from a problem to a crisis very quickly in the next few weeks," McCann said.

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Freeman said that under the in-person option, families and staff would still need to be ready to switch to remote learning if the schools are closed due to a surge in the virus. If that happens, he said the teachers will be ready.

"We are prepared to have a much more robust system in place for teachers, much more face-to-face interaction, actual scheduled time online with our staff members – much more robust than what we had to put together as our emergency protocols when we were closed with very limited amount of warning," he said.

Lakeshore Virtual Academy

Freeman said the Lakeshore Virtual Academy was created for parents who are concerned about sending their children to school.

"We are going to create the safest environment we can, but everything is not totally foolproof, so some parents would like to keep their kids home," he said.

He said they will be working closely with Michigan Virtual at the secondary level, but haven't finalized what system they will be using for the lower grades.

"There are many options at the elementary level to work with in a virtual way," he said. "We want the one that we believe best fits what we're trying to do here at Lakeshore, and that's having that personal touch as much as possible."

School districts are required to send their plans to the state by Aug. 15.

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TRACERS

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Drive-thru testing will now take place in the Bangor High School parking lot, 801 W. Arlington St., the agency announced in a news release.

Testing is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. At this time, maximum capacity for testing at the new Bangor location is about 75 participants per day, with plans to increase, according to the release.

Translation services will be available at the new testing location and appointments are not required. People do not have to bring a lab order and do not have to be an InterCare patient to be tested. The testing provided is a nasal swab that is utilized to detect the presence of an active COVID-19 infection, not the presence of antibodies, which would indicate a past infection.

InterCare, in accordance with state guidelines, will test people with symptoms; people with known exposure to a person with COVID-19, whether or not there are symptoms; asymptomatic people who work in a profession that puts them at high risk of exposure; people entering or living in congregate living facilities; and asymptomatic patients in preparation for surgical procedures, as deemed necessary by the treating clinician.

InterCare's Benton Harbor location, 800 M-139, is still offering drive-thru testing from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday.

For more information about COVID-19 testing at InterCare, visit www.intercare.org/covid-19.html, or call 855-869-6900.

Drive-thru COVID-19 testing is also available at Rite-Aid in Bridgman and Niles. To schedule a test, visit www.riteaid.com.

Walk-in COVID-19 testing is available through Spectrum Health Lakeland, with a doctor's order. After the doctor orders the test, patients should call 927-5100 to schedule a specimen collection appointment at the Center for Outpatient Services in St. Joseph, at Lakeland Hospital Niles or at Lakeland Hospital Watervliet.

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Michigan
Poker Lotto
KC-5D-6H-7H-7S
Midday Daily 3
9-0-0
Midday Daily 4
6-0-6-4
Daily 3
5-3-3
Daily 4
3-8-2-5
Fantasy 5
03-15-19-21-25
Keno
01-03-04-06-07-10-19-21-26-28-29-34-48-63-64-65-72-73-76-77-78-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$113 million
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$106 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
05-37-38-40-45
Estimated jackpot
$266,500
Cash4Life
14-27-34-36-45, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
05-13-16-20-21-33-34-37-41-43-44-47-49-52-54-57-61-70-79-80, BE: 52
Daily Three-Midday
0-1-0, SB: 4
Daily Three-Evening
6-8-3, SB: 9
Daily Four-Midday
7-4-3-4, SB: 4
Daily Four-Evening
2-2-0-5, SB: 9
Quick Draw Evening
02-04-05-07-08-10-11-22-28-35-37-39-40-47-50-53-61-62-66-80, BE: 28

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
16-19-29-30-43
Estimated jackpot
$350,000
Pick Three-Midday
5-4-8, Fireball: 2
Pick Three-Evening
3-1-0, Fireball: 0
Pick Four-Midday
7-0-6-6, Fireball: 0
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Q&A

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practices that I can bring back to our local community and share and implement into our work.

I'm just extremely thankful to UWSM for believing in me, supporting me through the process, and letting me take the time out to learn for the next 10 months.

What does your job as senior director of impact strategies entail?

I'm responsible for the impact work as it sort of states, but I work with our funded partners to ensure that the funding we raise is making an impact in our community. I'm responsible for creating and implementing our three-year impact agenda for change. I also lead a department that does a lot of great work, like Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, volunteer income tax assistance, 2-1-1, Turning Outward, advocacy and so much more. I'm also responsible for the emergency work, like the floods of 2018, or assistance with fires.

Most recently it's been COVID-19. I'm the liaison between the emergency operation centers in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties and the nonprofits who are able to help in times of disasters.

And that was going to be one of my questions: How has the pandemic changed what you do?

The biggest change has been working virtually, but like I said, the people at United Way really pulled together and made a huge impact during this time. My work hasn't really changed, but in the first couple of months I have been really responsible for emergency relief within our organization. We've collected donations and I've worked with the emergency operation centers to distribute personal protective equipment to nonprofits. I've helped to distribute the funds raised through the Southwest Michigan Cares Fund.

So my work really has been more focused around COVID, but I'm still working with our funded partners. Most of them are still doing the work they said that they would be doing. We still have a lot of people providing meals and providing shelter. A lot of our funded partner programs have switched to virtual. So not much has changed for me, but a little bit busier.

You've been with United Way for about 10 years now – what has that been like?

These past 10 years have flown by. They've been absolutely incredible. I've learned so much from my colleagues and grown so much as a person and also as a leader because of them. The work we do is hard, but it's extremely satisfying. The people at United Way make it fun. It's also been absolutely amazing to see how we've been able to continue to work together virtually and still make a difference even in these difficult times.

You have a master's degree in administration and a bachelor's degree in psychology. Is this kind of work something you've always wanted to do?

It's actually not what I envisioned doing. I started school to be a teacher and realized that was probably not the right path for me. I've always wanted to help people, so when I was given the opportunity 10 years ago to join the Untied Way team, it was really a blessing. I didn't know that's where I wanted to be, but now I wouldn't change it for the world.

Is there any project you've worked on over your time with United Way that you're really proud of?

There are many things, but two stick out. When I was the Great Start Collaborative director for Berrien County, I worked with the community to develop the Get Ready Campaign, which focuses on school readiness and helping parents and the community understand what that really means. The campaign is still being used.

For the work I'm doing now, really being able to establish that emergency response consortium and build the partnerships with the emergency operation centers. That's really made a difference in the way we've been able to address emergencies and disasters. As those become more common, unfortunately, we've really been able to pull together to help people affected.

And finally, can you tell me a little bit about your family and what you like to do in your free time?

I live in Bridgman. I have three children, 15, 14 and 12. Two puppies. Most of my free time is spent driving and attending sporting practices, games, school events, and I wouldn't have it any other way. It's what I love to do. Other than that I love the water, be it the pool or the lake. Mostly just spending time with friends and family.

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TREASURER

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office," she said. "I believe I am the best candidate for the job."

Members of the Berrien County Treasurer Appointment Committee agreed with that sentiment when they chose Weich to fill the vacant position. She had been the acting treasurer since April 6, but the move wasn't made official until late April.

"I feel I have built good relationships with local and statewide municipalities, governments and I want to continue to build on that," Weich said. "The experience I have is beneficial as we navigate through the financial uncertainty that came with this COVID-19 pandemic."

Weich filled in for Witkowski after he announced he was stepping down as an elected official and taking a job with Abonmarche, in February. Witkowski had been county treasurer since being elected to the position in 2004.

Due to the pandemic and social distancing, treasurer appointment committee members argued it would be difficult to train someone who has had no experience in the treasurer's office. Because of this, the committee chose to appoint Weich for the short remainder of the term rather than proceed with the full application review and interview process.

Weich and Rolling were among the four applicants to apply for the vacant position.

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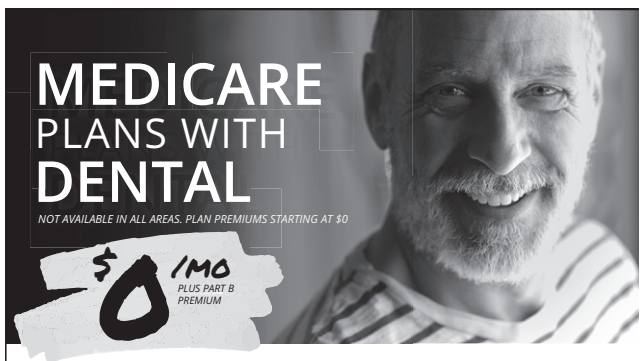

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PRIMARY ELECTION

Coloma Twp. supervisor faces primary challenge

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — Coloma Township voters will have several choices when they vote in the Aug. 4 primary.

One of those choices is between Republicans Phil Hickmon and Ken Parrigin for township supervisor.

Running against the winner in November's election will be Democrat Jeffrey Weber.

Parrigin, the incumbent, has been supervisor for 17 years. He said he's running again because he takes great pride in the community.

"I'm committed to making Coloma Township one of the best communities to live and work in for my own family, as well as all current and future residents," Parrigin said.

Hickmon said he's running because he wants to give back to the community.

"The bottom line is I care about people and love Coloma and want it to be better than it is," he said.

The challenger

Hickmon said people should vote for him because it's time for change in Coloma Township.

"If I am elected, I will always listen to the concern of the residents and follow up with action," he said. "Decisions will be made with careful consideration and analysis based upon the greatest good for the greatest number of people."

HICKMON

He lists three main goals that he calls "critical to the future success of Coloma Township."

Those are: Make certain that Coloma Township continues to be a destination with a strong regional identity; build the infrastructure needed to support the current and future needs of the community; and ensure the financial health of the township.

"Regardless of any ideas and plans, we must be flexible in order to capture unforeseen opportunities or deal with emerging challenges of Coloma Township," he said.

In addition, Hickmon said he'll work tirelessly to remove barriers in an effort to grow the community and bring the leadership necessary for growth to occur.

Hickmon, a Coloma native, is a graduate of Coloma High School and holds a master's in public administration with an emphasis in finance.

He's worked for nonprofits, managed care organizations and public-traded companies. He has also served the community before.

In 2007, he was elected to be a Coloma city commissioner, serving on the finance, public relations and administrative committees. He served a partial term before moving his family to Arizona for a career opportunity.

He said that living in other parts of the country has given him a "national perspective that will and can serve to be a benefit to Coloma Township."

"With all these experiences, I know I can provide new skills, thoughts, strategies and tactics to help our residents, businesses and community thrive," Hickmon said.

He has also served in other community roles, like being a former board chairman and head coach for Coloma Rocket Football.

Hickmon's wife, Nicole, serves on the Coloma school board. Together they raised three children and one of their nephews. They have two dogs and two grandchildren as well. In his free time, Hickmon loves to cook.

He said he and his wife are often asked why they moved back to Michigan.

"We moved back for many reasons, but the primary explanation is that we wanted to be back in the place we felt most at 'home.' We wanted our kids to have the same experiences we did," Hickmon said. "We are truly grateful to have grown up in Coloma, and if elected I will do everything I can to make it an even better community."

The incumbent

Parrigin said people should vote for him because he's poured his heart and soul into his work as the township supervisor for the past 17 years.

PARRIGIN

"I've been here through the good as well as the bad times for the community," he said. "Always available and always ready to contribute in any way needed. My hands-on experience with the workings of local government and the level of my knowledge and involvement far outweigh that of any other candidate."

He said during his next term he'd like to continue the positive direction the township is going.

"We've seen the growth and development in the township south of I-94 while highlighting our wonderful agricultural-commercial businesses," Parrigin said. "I plan to continue with the joint efforts of Coloma city and Coloma Township in working together to maintain and improve our infrastructure in a way that reduces the cost to all residents."

He said he'd also like to continue to bring to the residents the professional and valuable services necessary for the health and safety of the residents.

"Our schools and recreational opportunities in Coloma are some of the best and I will continue to work toward the improvement and development of both," Parrigin said.

During his time as supervisor, Parrigin has served on nearly every committee. He also previously served on the township's planning commission, board of review and drain commission advisory board.

Parrigin has owned and operated Quality Paving Co. for over 50 years.

He said in the role as a local business owner, he's been able to develop positive relationships with all sorts of different people.

"When we in Coloma Township need the assistance of other government agencies, it's critical to have already built those relationships with key people and to know where to turn to get the job done," he said.

Before getting into the paving business, he worked for American Electric Power. At one time many years ago, he was a diver for the fire department.

Parrigin has lived in the Coloma area all of his adult life. He and his wife, Carol, raised two children. They also have five grandchildren and a dog.

He said he encourages all Coloma Township residents to participate in local government.

"Come to our meetings, call your township and state officials, know what's happening. Get involved, serve on a committee, or two or three. Don't rely on hearsay, social media and gossip. Participate and learn first-hand what is going on in your community. Step up and volunteer – you'll be glad you did," Parrigin said.

Contact: anewman@TheHP.com, 932-0357, Twitter: @HPANewman

IN BRIEF

Man killed in motorcycle crash on I-94

STEVENSVILLE — A man died early Sunday when a car crashed into the motorcycle he was riding on I-94 near Stevensville, according to state police.

Troopers from the Niles post said the man who was killed was 33 and from Chicago, but did not release his name. Police also did not release the name of the driver of the car, identifying him only as a 26-year-old Michigan man.

Police said the motorcycle was traveling west on I-94 shortly after 1 a.m. Sunday when it was rear-ended by a car. The investigation is continuing, but police said they believe alcohol was involved.

Assisting Michigan State Police at the scene were the Berrien County Sheriff's Department, Lincoln Township and Baroda-Lake Township police and firefighters, and Medic 1 ambulance.

Sodus man killed in one-car crash

THREE OAKS — A man is dead after his vehicle apparently went off the road, hit a guardrail and rolled several times, throwing the driver from the vehicle.

Berrien County Sheriff's Sgt. Tom Dyer said 29-year-old Timothy J. Munday II from Sodus is believed to have been driving the car northbound on Pardee Road north of West Warren Roods Road in Weesaw Township at about 3 p.m. Sunday when, police believe, it left the road. There were no witnesses and no other vehicles were involved, police said. Munday was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Berrien County Accident Investigation team is continuing to investigate. The sheriff's department was assisted by Weesaw Township Fire Department and Chikaming Township, Three Oaks and Baroda-Lake Township police departments.

Body recovered near where swimmer went missing

SOUTH HAVEN — South Haven police report that a body, believed to be that of a Lansing man who presumably drowned last week, was found Saturday afternoon in Lake Michigan near North Beach.

Jaedon Odunuga-Evans, 20, went swimming in Lake Michigan off of North Beach shortly before 9 p.m., Sunday, July 12, but did not return to shore.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, a person walking on the North Pier reported to police they saw a body in the water near the pier, according to a news release from South Haven Police Department.

Crews from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department Marine Patrol were then able to recover the body from the lake. South Haven police as well as the Van Buren County Medical Examiner's office have been in contact with Evans' family.

Further information is pending identification of the deceased and next-of-kin notification.

SJ woman found dead from apparent suicide

SOUTH HAVEN — South Haven Police are investigating the apparent suicide death of a St. Joseph woman found near the Black River on Sunday.

A person walking on the Kal-Haven trail near Blue Star Highway reported to police at 2:30 p.m. they saw a person they believed to be laying in a grassy area along the Black River, off the trail, according to a news release issued by Sgt. Zachary Hathaway.

Officers responded and found the body of the 36-year-old woman, who had apparently shot herself.

South Haven police as well as the medical examiner's office have been in contact with the family. The investigation is still open, pending the medical examiner's report. South Haven police were assisted by South Haven Area Emergency Services and St. Joseph Township Police.

College holds in-person graduation despite order

HILLSDALE (AP) — A politically-connected conservative college in southern Michigan has defied warnings from state and public health officials during the coronavirus pandemic by hosting an in-person graduation ceremony.

Hillsdale College held graduation Saturday evening, capping days of celebrations, according to The Detroit News.

"COVID obviously was a concern," said David Betz, whose son, Christian, graduated. "For a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be able to come, it was well worth it."

The college of about 1,500 students had expected more than 2,000 people at the event, which Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel had called illegal with public gatherings capped at 100 people during the pandemic. Health officials had said the event, drawing people to Hillsdale restaurants and hotels, put the community of about 8,000 people at risk.

University officials, who didn't discuss attendance numbers, said graduation is an important milestone and safety precautions were taken, including wearing masks.

The Herald-Palladium CLASSIFIEDS

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BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
A public accuracy test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the STATE PRIMARY ELECTION to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 in Benton Charter Township.
The Public Accuracy Test will be held at:
Benton Charter Township Municipal Building
1725 Territorial Road – Bldg. B
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Monday, July 27, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Interested parties are invited to attend.
For further information contact:
Carolyn Phillips
Benton Charter Township Clerk
(269) 925-0616

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
TRIAL COURT-
FAMILY DIVISION
CASE NO.
2020-0022-NA-D

PUBLICATION OF HEARING (NOTICE TO PUTATIVE FATHER)

IN THE MATTER OF CAYVEON RODRIQUEZ-DORTCH

TAKE NOTICE:

A petition has been filed with this court regarding the following minor(s):

Cayveon Rodriquez-Dortch was born on 12/18/2019 at Lakeland Medical Center in Niles, MI.

The mother of the minor(s) is Evalucial Rodriquez. If you are or may be the natural father, you should appear at the Berrien County Courthouse, Courtroom 327 on 7/28/2020 at 3:00pm to state any interest you may have in the minor(s).

Failure to appear at this hearing is a denial of interest in the minor(s), waiver of notice for all subsequent hearings, and a waiver of a right to appointment of an attorney. Failure to appear at this hearing **COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT-
FAMILY DIVISION
BERRIEN COUNTY

CASE NO.

2020-0432-NC-M

2020-0433-NC-M

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE

In the matter of
Trey Allen Marsh and
Ellie Louray March

TO ALL PERSONS, including:
Mark Allen Marsh, Jr
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 9:10 a.m. (ET) at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 via ZOOM before Judge Mabel Johnson Mayfield (P-41498) to change the name of:
Trey Allen Marsh to Trey Allen Sukola
Ellie Louray Marsh to Ellie Louray Sukola

LEGALS

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
FILE NO.
2020-0268-DE-D

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of Eric Braley
Date of birth:
08/07/1959

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Eric Braley, died 01/26/2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sharna Pelkey, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 07/15/2020

Personal Representative:
Sharna Pelkey
2203 Ann Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085
269-470-4515

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
DATE CHANGE
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M. DUE TO THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP
TEMPORARY POLLING LOCATION CHANGES FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

PCT #4 – Fire Station #2 at 181 Enterprise Way is temporarily changed to Benton Charter Township Hall, 1725 Territorial Rd., Bldg. B.

PCT #5 – Fire Station #1 at 781 N. Crystal is temporarily changed to Sammie Smith Family Investment Center, 301 Martin Luther King Dr.

Notice of Sale of Township Property – St. Joseph Charter Township

The Charter Township of St. Joseph is soliciting bids for the sale of approx. 1.06 acre parcel of vacant land located on 537 Manitou Rd., St. Joseph, MI. The legal description of the parcel is:

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Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 5 South, Range 19 West, St. Joseph Township, Berrien County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the South Quarter post of said Section 1, thence West along the South line of said Section 1, 191.94 feet to the point of beginning of the herein described parcel, thence continuing West along said South line, 234.22 feet, thence North 00° 19' 14" East, parallel with the North and South Quarter line of said Section, 197.91 feet, thence South 89° 58' 03" East (recorded East), 234.22 feet, thence South 00° 19' 14" West, parallel with said North and South Quarter line, 197.78 feet to the point of beginning.

Property Number: 11-18-0001-0041-04-5

Bids for the purchase of the property must be accompanied by an earnest money deposit equal to 10% of the bid price in the form of a cashier's check made payable to St. Joseph Charter Township. A packet of Instructions to Bidders and Agreement to Purchase Real Estate is available at the St. Joseph Charter Township office, from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Documents are also posted on the Township website at www.sjct.org.

The completed Agreement to Purchase Real Estate shall be submitted to the office of the Township Manager located at 3000 Washington Avenue, St. Joseph, MI 49085, on or before 10:00 a.m. August 31, 2020, in a sealed opaque envelope and clearly labeled "Bid for Purchase of Township Property 537 Manitou Rd". Electronic submittals will not be accepted. All bids will be opened on September 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the Township offices.

The Township reserves the right to waive or reject any or all bids. The Township further reserves the right to waive informalities in the bid process.

Denise Cook
Township Manager
Charter Township of St. Joseph

Public Notice
Hartford Township
61310 CR 687
Hartford, MI 49057

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 4, 2020 Primary has been scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Township Hall at 61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the vote's cast at the election meet the requirements of law.

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, MCL41.72a (2) and (3), and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Hartford Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 1 days' notice to the Julie Sweet, Acting Clerk for the Special Election.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact:

Julie Sweet
61310 County
Road 687
Hartford, MI 49057
269-621-4658 ext 3
hartfordtownshipclerk@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMPLOYMENT

PROFESSIONAL

South Haven, MI
The City of South Haven is seeking a full-time Planning and Zoning Administrator to serve as a staff liaison to and prepare agendas for the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Shall be the primary contact for responding to the public regarding zoning, municipal and building code policies and procedures. Administers the City's Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan. Successful candidates will have a Bachelor's in Urban Planning or equivalent and one year of experience in municipal planning. AICP designation is preferred. Must have valid Michigan driver's license. To view full job posting and apply, go to south-haven.com/human_resources. Deadline for application is August 1. EOE

GENERAL HELP

Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher
Varsity Cheerleading Coach

River Valley School District
Employment info at: www.rivervalleyschools.org
Deadline: Until Filled

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Michigan City IN

Michigan City, IN The News Dispatch is looking for a dock worker. Primary responsibilities will include unloading skids from a truck for distribution to our drivers, reporting to management any missing papers and/or contractors who fail to show up for work and keeping the dock area clean to ensure a safe workspace. This is a part time position: 15 to 20 hours a week, $9.00/hr. To apply: Contact Julie at 269-429-2400 ext. 26787

Careers are made in the Classifieds... Find One Today!

SKILLED TRADE

Dowagiac, MI
Are you skilled in the construction trades? Have you ever thought about teaching the next generation of construction trades professionals? Southwestern Michigan College is seeking a Construction Trades Faculty Member. Apply at swmich.edu/jobs

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE

RESTAURANT

South Haven, MI
South Haven Brewpub is hiring cooks and prep cooks. Come be a part of our team. Apply at http://www.southhavenbrewpub.com, in person, or at or our Facebook page. Immediate openings available. We are located at 515 Williams st ste 23, South Haven MI 49090.

RESTAURANT

Watervliet, MI
TJ'S Sports Bar & Grill now hiring experienced Cooks, Servers, and Bartenders.
Apply in person at 195 S. M140, Watervliet, MI.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Owner: South Haven Joint Building Authority
314 Broadway Street
South Haven, MI 49090

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of an addition to and renovation of existing library, including technology, A.D.A., mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades, will be received by Jim France, Director, at the office of the South Haven Joint Building Authority until 2:00 pm, (standard local time), August 18, 2020, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations: The Builders Exchange of Michigan, www.grbx.com, 678 Front Ave., NW #330, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, 616-949-8650 or 616-949-6831, projects@grbx.com; iSqFt Planroom, 4500 Lake Forest Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45242, 317-248-1293, michigan@isqft.com; MACIAF Plan Room, planroom@constructionsite.org , 3215 Sugar Maple Ct., South Bend, IN 46628, 574-289-7785 or 574-289-7786; Dodge Data & Analytics, 7265 Kenwood Rd., Suite 200, Cincinnati, OH 45236, 513-666-334; Construction Association of Michigan, www.com-online.com, 43636 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, 248-972-1120.

Printed copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Abonmarche, 95 W. Main St., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, upon payment of $100 for each set. Electronic copies of the bid documents are available at no cost by visiting www.abonmarche.com and clicking on Current Projects and Bidding, then the name of the project. Once you submit your contact information, you will be added to the plan holders list and will receive email notifications for updates to the project.

NOTICE OF ELECTION
HARTFORD TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN
AUGUST 4, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of Hartford Township:
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Hartford Township on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Hartford Township Hall, 61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Primary Election will be conducted for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of:
CONGRESSIONAL United States Senator, Representative in Congress 6th District

LEGISLATIVE Representative in State Legislature 66th District

COUNTY Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor, County Commissioner District 4

TOWNSHIP Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustee (2)

And for the purpose electing delegates to county convention of the republican and democratic parties.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Van Buren County will be voting on the following millage proposal

9-1-1 Service Charge at a rate not to exceed $1.83 each month in addition to the default rate of $1.17 each month for a total maximum allowed rate of $3.00 each month (replacing the current surcharge), to be used exclusively for the funding of 9-1-1 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch services within Van Buren County, including facilities, equipment and operations

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Hartford Township will be voting on the following millage proposals

Fire Apparatus and Equipment Renewal remain .7069 mill ($0.7069 for each $1,000) on taxable valuation of real property for the years 2021-2024 to provide funds for purchasing fire apparatus and equipment for the use by the Hartford Fire Dept.?

Road Millage Renewal remain 1.4185 mills ($1.4185 for each $1,000.00) on taxable valuation of real property for the years 2021-2024 for the purpose of Township road maintenance and construction?

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Hartford Township Clerk's office, 61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057, telephone 269/621-4658 ext 3. A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

The Township Clerk's office will be open from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Friday, July 31, 2020, for the deadline for requesting an absent voter ballot by mail. The Clerk's Office will also be open from 8:00 AM until NOON on Saturday, August 1, 2020 and Sunday, August 2, 2020 for the purpose of issuing and receiving absentee voter ballots. Electors may vote by absentee ballot in person in the Clerk's office up to 4:00 PM, on Monday, August 3, 2020.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Julie Sweet
Hartford Township Clerk
269-621-4658 ext 3
hartfordtownshipclerk@gmail.com

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
*****
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE GAS CUSTOMERS OF
MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION
CASE NO. U-20709

- Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation requests Michigan Public Service Commission's approval of the reconciliation of its Energy Waste Reduction costs and revenues for the period ended December 31, 2019.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation, 899 S. Telegraph Rd., Monroe, MI 48161, 734-457-6137 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the documents at the offices of Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation.
- A pre-hearing will be held:

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 9:30 AM

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge Sharon Feldman

LOCATION: Video/Teleconferencing

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may participate. Persons needing any assistance to participate should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 284-8090, or by email at mpscedockets@michigan.gov in advance of the hearing. Instructions regarding participation will be filed in the docket.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a pre-hearing to consider Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation's (MGUC) June 30, 2020 application requesting the Commission to: 1) approve the reconciliation of the 12-month Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) surcharge revenues and expenses for the period ending December 31, 2019; 2) determine that MGUC's EWR surcharge revenues for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2019 were properly recovered; 3) authorize MGUC to roll-in the net cumulative over-recovery of $155,639 into the beginning balance of the 2020 EWR reconciliation; and 4) grant other and further relief.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E-Dockets website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in Word or PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 284-8090 or by email at: mpscedockets@michigan.gov.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by August 5, 2020. (Interested persons may elect to file using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation's attorney, Sherri A. Wellman, One Michigan Ave., Ste. 900, Lansing, MI 48933.

The prehearing is currently scheduled to be held remotely by video conference or teleconference. Persons filing a petition to intervene will be advised of the process to participate in the hearing. However, the Commission will continue to evaluate whether the prehearing can be safely converted to an in-person hearing. Thus, all interested persons should monitor this docket prior to the prehearing for any potential changes to the format of the prehearing.

Any person wishing to participate without intervention under Mich Admin Code, R 792.10413 (Rule 413), or file a public comment, may do so by filing a written statement in this docket. The written statement may be mailed or emailed and should reference Case No. U-20709. Statements may be emailed to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. Statements may be mailed to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, 7109 West Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information, thus available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's website, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules R 792.10422 and R 792.10432. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 284-8130.

A copy of MGUC's application may be reviewed on the Commission's website at: michigan. gov/mpscedockets, and at the office of MGUC. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.54 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; 2008 PA 295, as amended, MCL 460.1001 et seq., and Parts 1 & 4 of the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, Mich. Admin Code, R 792.10106 and R 792.10401 through R 792.10448.

July 9, 2020

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MGU-200169-07-LD

ATTENTION:
If you worked at UNIVERSAL TOOLING SYSTEMS, Saginaw, MI between 1965-2000, please contact Asbestos Investigator Sherry Day at (734)878-5236 or sherry@SLDinvestigations.com. We are looking for people that worked with our deceased client.

CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS –
SEASONAL CONCESSION SERVICES
FOR JEAN KLOCK PARK

The City of Benton Harbor is soliciting proposals in order to identify individuals and/or businesses qualified to provide seasonal concessions at Jean Klock Park. This Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") is designed for those interested in creating a contractual relationship to lease the City-owned concession. The selected concessionaires will be required to operate according to the terms and conditions as outlined in this RFQ and the agreement signed by the selected concessionaire.

Concession and vending contracts will be awarded to the responsible vendor submitting proposals which provide the best service to the public, and which the City concludes is in its best interest. The term of the contract shall be for two seasons beginning in August 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 also May 15, 2021 through October 31, 2021. Applications will be accepted throughout the year, with first consideration being August, 2020 at 4:00 PM EDT. If vacancies occur in existing locations, applications on file will be reviewed with the same consideration, process and requirements.

All proposals must be fully complete and submitted on the forms provided. All proposals must be signed. Any proposal may be withdrawn during the scheduled time for the opening of the proposals or authorized postponement thereof.

Please submit five (5) sealed copies of your proposal, by mail or hand delivered in the drop box, on or before July 27, 2020, at 4:00 PM EDT to the following:

Kimberly Thompson, City Clerk
200 East Wall Street
Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022

Envelope(s) shall be clearly marked with the following inscription:
"Seasonal Concession Services for Jean Klock Park"

Proposals must be placed in the drop box in front of City Hall, located at 200 E. Wall Street or mailed by the deadline. Any proposals received after the time and date specified, shall be declared unresponsive, and will be returned to the sender without review or further comment from the City. Bidder is hereby advised that depositing proposals with postal, package, or common carriers does not constitute delivery of the same to City. The City of Benton Harbor assumes no responsibility for late arrival.

Proposals received will be publicly opened and read on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Due to Covid-19, the bid opening will be conducted virtually. Instructions on how to participate will be posted on the City of Benton Harbor's website, www.bhcity.us.

Any questions regarding this bid or specification should be addressed to: Ellis Mitchell via e-mail at emitchell@bhcity.us or by phone at 269-927-8457.

The Request for Proposal, in its entirety, is available on the City of Benton Harbor's website: bhcity.us.

The City of Benton Harbor reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; to waive any irregularities therein; to increase or decrease the quantities listed; to award the contract to other than the low bidder; or to accept any responsible proposal.

Kimberly Thompson, City Clerk
07/20/2020

Layout Assistant

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NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION BEING HELD ON TUESDAY,
AUGUST 4, 2020

To the qualified electors of Benton Charter Township, notice is hereby given that a STATE PRIMARY ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. At this primary election you will be voting on the following:

PARTISAN SECTION - VOTE ONLY 1 PARTY
U.S. Senator – vote for 1
County Drain Commissioner - vote for 1
Rep. in Congress – vote for 1
County Surveyor - vote for 1
Rep. in State Legislature - vote for 1
County Commissioner – vote for 1
County Prosecuting Attorney - vote for 1
Township Supervisor - vote for 1
County Sheriff - vote for 1
Township Clerk - vote for 1
County Clerk - vote for 1
Township Treasurer - vote for 1
County Treasurer - vote for 1
Township Trustees - vote for 4
County Register of Deeds - vote for 1
Delegate to County Convention – vote for 4

COUNTY PROPOSALS
Renewal of County Law Enforcement and Public Safety Proposal
Renewal of 9-1-1 Emergency System Proposal
Renewal of Senior Centers Proposal

TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS
#1 – Renewal of Expired Fire Millage
#2 – Renewal of Expired Police Millage
#3 – Renewal of Expired Public Safety Millage

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the Township Clerk's Office at least 5 days before the election. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in alternative formats such as audio or Braille. All polling locations listed are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Elections will be held in the following precincts:

Pct. #	Location & Address
1	Benton Charter Twp. Hall – 1725 Territorial Road-Bldg. B
2	Benton Charter Twp. Hall – 1725 Territorial Road-Bldg. B
3	Sammie Smith Family Investment Center – 301 Martin Luther King Dr.
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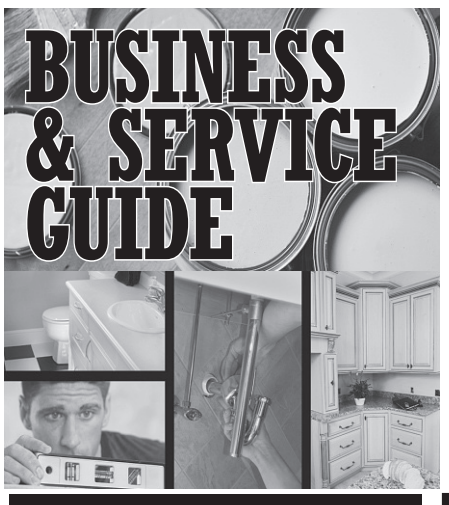
Full text of the ballot proposals and information on absent voter ballots may be obtained at the Benton Charter Township Clerk's Office, 1725 Territorial Road-Bldg. B, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022. Telephone: 269-925-0616, ext. #139.

CAROLYN PHILLIPS, TOWNSHIP CLERK



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TUESDAY EVENING JULY 21

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Modern Family	Modern Family	black-ish	mixed-ish	What Would You Do? (N) CC	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Sound Off" CC (DVS)		FBI "Fallout" A businessman is killed.		FBI: Most Wanted "Prophet" CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	America's Got Talent "AGT: Best of Auditions" The judges revisit the best auditions.				:01 World of Dance "The Duels 3" (N)	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	Hell's Kitchen "Welcome to the Jungle"		Prodigal Son "Internal Affairs"		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	Clinton: American Experience The presidency of Bill Clinton. CC (DVS)				Frontline "COVID's Hidden Toll" (N)	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Stargirl "Brainwave Jr." (N) CC		Bryan Callen: Complicated Apes CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "The Docks" CC		Chicago P.D. "Made a Wrong Turn"		Chicago P.D. Platt is physically assaulted.	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Stargirl "Brainwave Jr." (N) CC		Bryan Callen: Complicated Apes CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Risky Business"		Highway to Heaven "A Divine Madness"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	📽 ★★ White House Down ('13, Action) Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx. Paramilitary soldiers take over the White House. CC						John Wick ('14)
Animal	Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot "Supernatural Bigfoot"				Finding Bigfoot	
BET	6:30 📽 A Madea Christmas			📽 Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club			
Big Ten	Big Ten	Maryland Basketball		Maryland Basketball		Unlocked CC	
Bravo	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles CC		Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles (N)		Watch What	Million Dollar LA
Cartoon	We Bare	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Gimme Shelter	📽 ★★ Don't Let Go ('19, Suspense) David Oyelowo. CC			:45 📽 Killerman ('19) Liam Hemsworth, Emory Cohen. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch "Gut Instinct" (N) CC		Dirty Jobs "Rowe'd Trip: Filthy Animals"		:07 Dirty Jobs CC	
Disney	Sydney	Sydney	Coop	Coop	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby
DIY	Off Grid	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley
ESPN	SportCtr	Boxing Oscar Valdez vs. Jayson Velez. (N) (L)					
ESPN2	NFL Live	ESPN Original Documentaries				To Be Announced	
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball From Oct. 18, 1977.				MLB Baseball	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Supermarket	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tennis	Detroit Tigers Classics					Hello
Freefrm	6:00 📽 Shrek	📽 ★★★★ Mary Poppins ('64) Julie Andrews. Live action/animated. A magical nanny happily disrupts a stuffy British family.					
FX	13 Hours: Sec	📽 ★★ Fast & Furious 6 ('13, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. Hobbs offers Dom and crew a full pardon for their help. CC					
Golf	Lessons	Golf's Greatest Rounds (N) CC				Golf Central CC	
Hallmark	Christmas Next Door	📽 Christmas Town ('19, Romance) Candace Cameron Bure, Tim Rozon. CC				📽 The Christmas Club ('19) CC	
HBO	:40 📽 ★★ Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw ('19) Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham. CC					REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel (N)	
History	Pickers	American Pickers		:02 American Pickers		:05 American Pickers	
HGTV	Bones	Good Bones (N)		Good Bones (N)		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Sextu	Counting On (N)		Counting On "A Duggar Bachelor Pad" (N)			
Lifetime	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli & Isles "But I Am a Good Girl"		Rizzoli & Isles CC		:03 Rizzoli & Isles "All for One" CC	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	50 Dates	Siesta Key (N) CC		Catfish: The TV		Catfish: The TV	
NBCSCH	Baseball	Chicago Blackhawks Rewind (N)				Baseball	Golf 360
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football CC					
Nick	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Sharks	When Sharks Attack		When Sharks Attack		:03 Sharkcano (N)	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Life Is Fluid" CC		Chicago P.D. "Natural Born Storyteller"		Chicago P.D. CC	
Parmt	Two Men	📽 ★★★ Ghostbusters ('84) Bill Murray. CC					Ghost II
Showtime	Back to Future	Ray Donovan "Uber Ray" CC		City on a Hill "There Are No F... Sides"		The Loudest Voice (Part 5 of 7) CC	
Starz	:05 📽 ★★ Venom ('18) Tom Hardy, Michelle Williams. CC			📽 ★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides ('11) Johnny Depp. CC			
STZENC	6:55 📽 ★★★ Slap Shot ('77) Paul Newman. CC			📽 ★★★ For a Few Dollars More ('65) Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef. CC			
SyFy	Spider-Man 3	📽 ★ Law Abiding Citizen ('09, Suspense) Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler, Colm Meaney.					Edge of Tomorrow
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Celebrity Show-Off (N) CC	
TCM	Exclusive Story ('36)	📽 Notfilm ('15, Documentary) A man tries to evade reality.					Archival Screening
TMC	★ Blue Streak	📽 ★★★ Cop Land ('97) Sylvester Stallone. CC			:45 📽 ★★ War ('07, Action) Jet Li, Jason Statham. CC		
TNT	Hobbit	NBA on TNT (N)		📽 ★★ Red 2 ('13, Action) Bruce Willis.			
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures (N) CC				Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	:00 📽 ★★ Cheaper by the Dozen ('03) Steve Martin. CC			📽 ★★ Cheaper by the Dozen 2 ('05, Comedy) Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt. CC			

After 30 years, first love reappears in woman's life

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have come into contact with my first and forever love again after 30 years. We have had a few encounters throughout the years. When they happened, we fell right back into our comfort zone.

We both have current relationships with others that are not satisfying. We have both had failed relationships as well. No relationship I have ever been in compares to the one I have with this man. He's successful and buries himself in his work. Even though he never says it, I know in my heart he has hidden feelings toward me as well.

This man has held my heart my entire life. I never stopped loving him. Do I finally tell him how I feel and risk possibly losing him forever, or should I remain silent and enjoy the encounters we have when they happen? – Wants It All In Pennsylvania

DEAR WANTS IT ALL: I think you should finally let this man know how you feel about him. If you do, it will either enable him to tell you he feels the same as you do, or stop you from fantasizing about a relationship that will never happen. If he is satisfied with the status quo, it doesn't necessarily mean these encounters will end, but at least you will know them for what they are.

DEAR ABBY: My mother has no faith in me, mostly because I have a disability. Even though it's not that bad, she still doesn't think I can do anything hard. Although I'm almost 40, she still tells me what to do and criticizes me in any way she can, including my parenting. I can't spend a day with her without wanting to come home and take a bat to the walls.

I have a lot of anger inside, and I don't trust her because she tends to tell her friends or family things I would rather were kept private. What can I do about this? – Irritated In Illinois

DEAR IRRITATED: If this is any comfort, I receive letters with the same complaint as yours from readers who don't have disabilities. If your children are healthy and doing well and your mother's criticisms are baseless, my advice is to tune your probably well-meaning but overbearing mother out. Because she discusses things you confide in her with others, quit telling her anything you don't want broadcast. It's easier than trying to muzzle her. You might also consider seeing your mother less often, which could save your walls and the wear and tear on the bat you're tempted to use after those encounters.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to propose a new word for general use. It's "wasband." Definition: male to whom I am no longer married. Reason: "Ex" seems a pejorative term. I didn't want to add that burden to the baggage our kids may have picked up.

I have used it since the mid-1990s. I began to think of a new term when I was in a social situation with my wasband, his wife and mutual friends. I bumped into a colleague and wasn't quick enough to think of a polite term for my former husband, so I could only introduce him as "the father of my children." I think "wasband" is a less awkward term. What do you think, Abby? – Lover Of Language In Washington

DEAR L.O.L.: I think it is clever. The term is listed in the Urban Dictionary, and because you started using it so early shows you are one smart cookie.

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How do I handle my mom's mean comments?

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: Because of difficult childhood experiences, my mom has unhealthy and hurtful communication patterns – mainly a tendency to avoid direct communication and instead use mean, passive-aggressive comments or totally avoid an issue. She passed those patterns down to me. Through therapy and with the support of an incredible spouse, I've been able to identify these unhealthy patterns and largely break away from them.

My mom has a deep fear of being deserted or left behind, and she frequently makes snide, cutting comments about how far away I live – an hour – how she feels alone and unwanted, etc. She does not come out and say that she feels insecure about our relationship or fearful of being left alone; rather, she holds on to those emotions and then slips in mean and hurtful comments that feel like grenades being launched at me.

I feel confident that I am doing my part to maintain contact with her and send the message that I love her, but her insecurities run very deep and her fears become her perceived reality, and all the efforts I make don't change her perception.

How can I continue to show love and a desire for a relationship when she seems to not believe it's true? How do I set boundaries so that I do not become consumed with trying to convince her I care? And, how do I communicate with her knowing she does not have healthy communication skills? – Anonymous

ANONYMOUS: It's your job to tell your mother the truth. It's not your job to sell it to her.

There is a way to talk to your mom that's worth trying, IF (big if) you have the presence of mind to do it in the moment. And it's not a failure on your part if you can't; it's difficult, especially when emotions are high. But if you're able: Try listening to her mean and hurtful comment until she is finished, and then reflecting back to her the emotion you think is driving it. For example: She: "[Mean and hurtful comment.]"

You: "I'm hearing that you're worried I won't visit you as often as you'd like." Stop, wait.

If she says no or backpedals or says another nasty thing, then just say as neutrally as possible, "OK, my mistake." Then change the subject or end the conversation.

But keep up the reflective listening regardless. As calmly as you can muster, holding firm. This response is both loving communication – because you're showing willingness to express your feelings and validate hers – and a firm boundary, because you're demonstrating that you will be genuine with her but won't react to hostility and won't be manipulated by it.

That is what is happening now, by the way – your mother's barbs are very effective at getting you to act in service of her feelings.

Given how deep these issues run and how you've struggled with breaking the pattern yourself, the best place to address this is probably ongoing therapy – so you can bring situations to your appointments while fresh in mind and role-play them. "She said X. My response was, Y. Could I have handled that more productively?'"

Here's a cheat-sheet version to get you through as you figure this out: Engage with the good, disengage from the bad. Good luck.

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31 El —, Texas
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36 Mighty — — oak
37 Pair
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40 Kohl target
42 Verbalized
44 Pointed arch
47 So long!
49 Whizzes
51 Slalom obstacle
54 Noted star-seekers
56 Billiard stick
57 Triangle tip
58 Big oil supplier
59 Sonnet cousin
60 "The Raven" penner
61 Become fatigued
62 Mr. Danson

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2 About half of us
3 City in New York
4 Shaggy flower
5 Vaccine type
6 NBA official
7 Husband or wife
8 Yahoo! rival
9 Search engine find
10 Watchdog org.
13 Long, easy stride
18 Ohio tire city
20 Pfc. boss
23 Not very close
24 Unloads
26 Physique
27 Down in the dumps
28 Adored one
30 Ms. Arthur
31 Snow boot
32 Cobra cousins
33 First name in cheesecake
35 Estimate
40 Ben & Jerry rival
41 Element 53
43 Wild goat
45 Disney site
46 Piano composition
48 Put out heat
49 Culture dish goo
50 Watermelon leftover
51 Breach
52 PFC mail drop
53 Golf peg
55 "Exodus" name

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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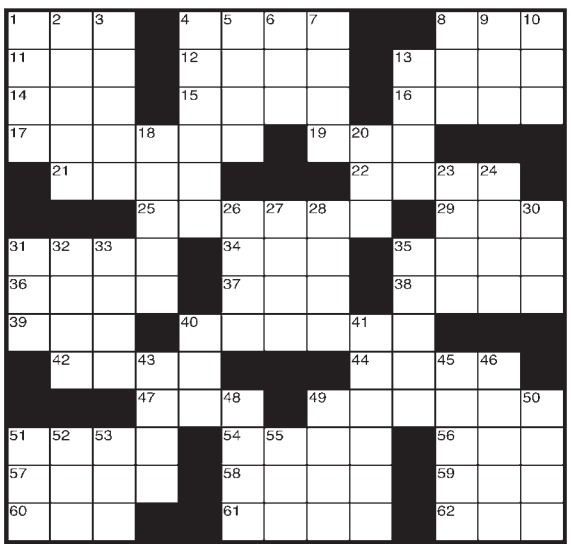

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SUYFS

KVOEE

LUTEML

THROTE

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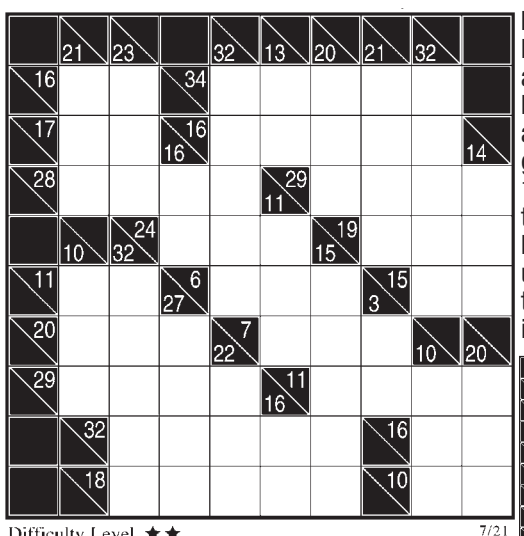
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: CHIDE CRUSH THRASH ENGAGE
Answer: How he ended up with poison ivy on his scalp was a — HEAD-SCRATCHER

KAKURO



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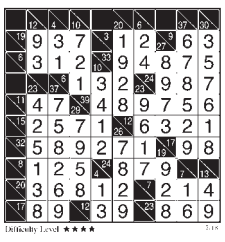
How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



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BRIDGE

E.B. White, who was an author of children's books, wrote, "Weather is a great bluffer. I guess the same is true of our human society – things can look dark, then a break shows in the clouds, and all is changed."

Bridge contracts can be like that. When you are the declarer, sometimes things look grim, but suddenly there is a light at the end of the 13-trick tunnel. It is the job of the defenders, though, to keep the light bulb off. How is that relevant to today's deal? South is in six diamonds. West leads the club king, then shifts to the spade queen.

South evaluated his hand well. Note that if North had had the heart jack extra, six diamonds would have been almost laydown.

Most experts lead king from ace-king and king-queen against a contract of five clubs or higher. Then East gives count.

Declarer won with his spade ace and cashed all of his trumps, discarding spades from the board. The defenders jettisoned clubs, but on the last trump, West turned on the light by discarding one of his apparently useless hearts. South cashed his heart king, played a heart to the queen and claimed when the jack dropped.

West should have parted with a spade. Yes, declarer might have just played hearts from the top, which is the percentage play in the suit. But if he sensed that West started with four hearts and East with only two, the odds change. Now finessing dummy's heart 10 on round two would be recommended because East could have only five jack-doubletons but 10 low-doubletons.

North 07-21-20
♠ 9 7 6
♥ A Q 10 6 2
♦ A J 7 6
♣ 10

West
♠ Q J 8
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ 3
♣ A K J 7 6

East
♠ K 5 2
♥ J 9
♦ 9 4
♣ Q 9 8 5 3 2

South
♠ A 10 4 3
♥ K 8
♦ K Q 10 8 5 2
♣ 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
		1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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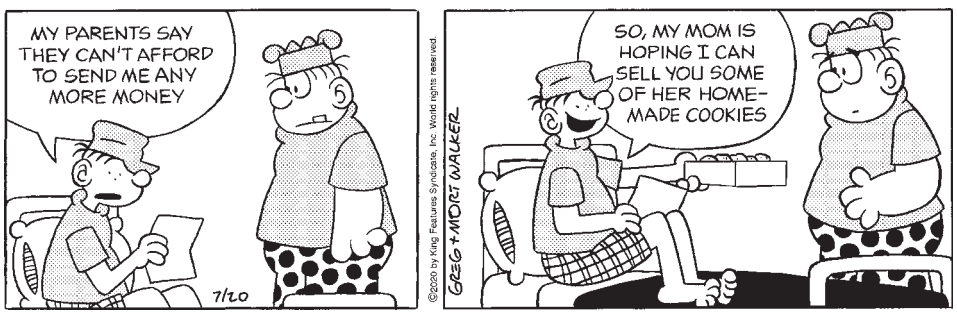
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GREG + MORT WALKER
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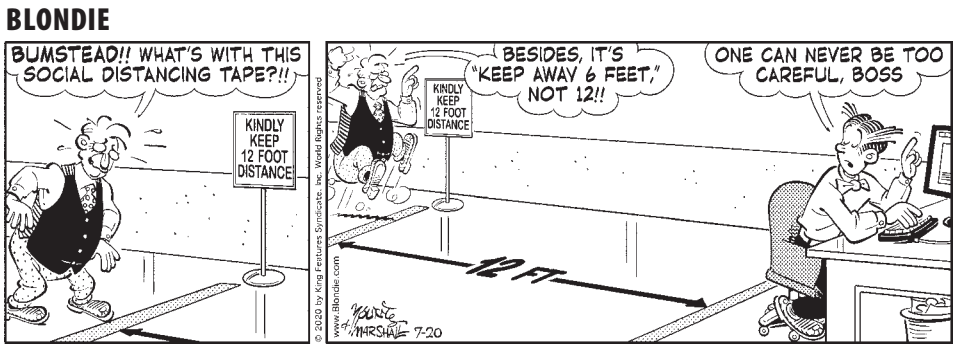
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BESIDES, IT'S "KEEP AWAY 6 FEET," NOT 12!!
ONE CAN NEVER BE TOO CAREFUL, BOSS
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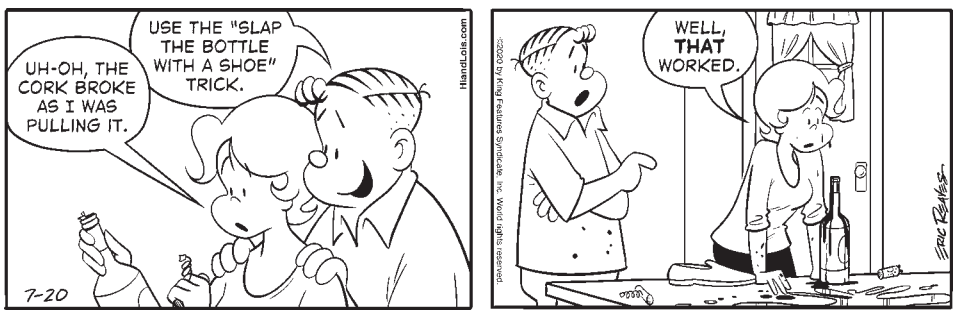

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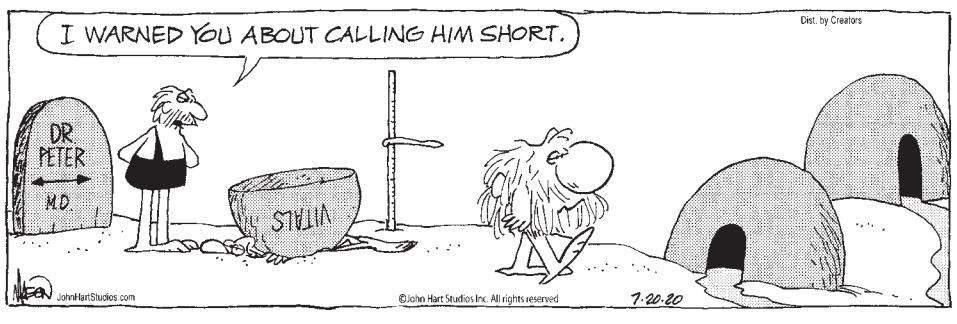

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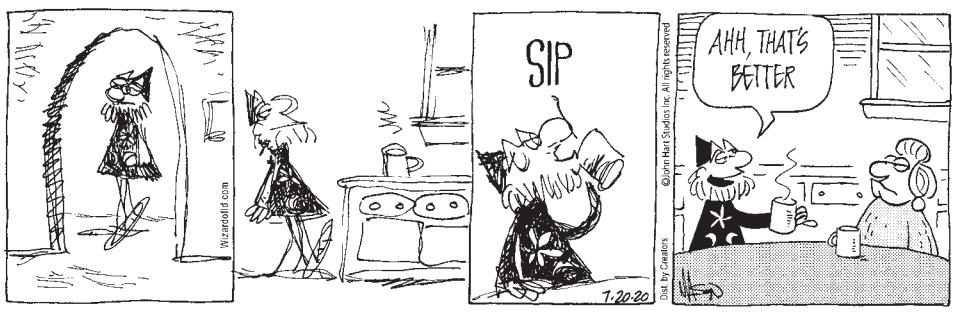

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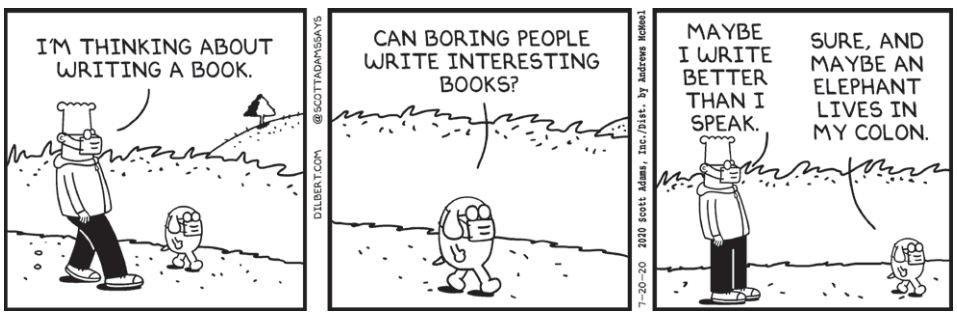
I'M THINKING ABOUT WRITING A BOOK.
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CAN BORING PEOPLE WRITE INTERESTING BOOKS?
MAYBE I WRITE BETTER THAN I SPEAK.
SURE, AND MAYBE AN ELEPHANT LIVES IN MY COLON.
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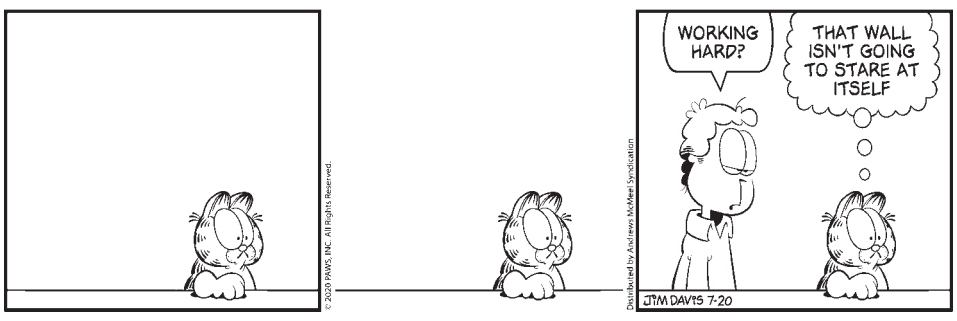
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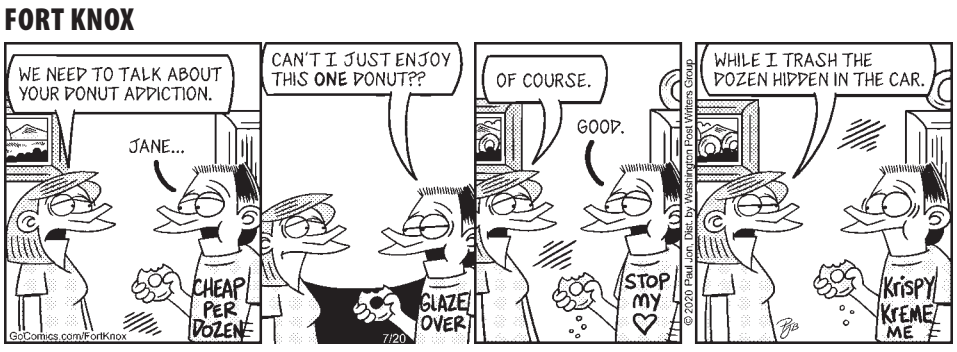

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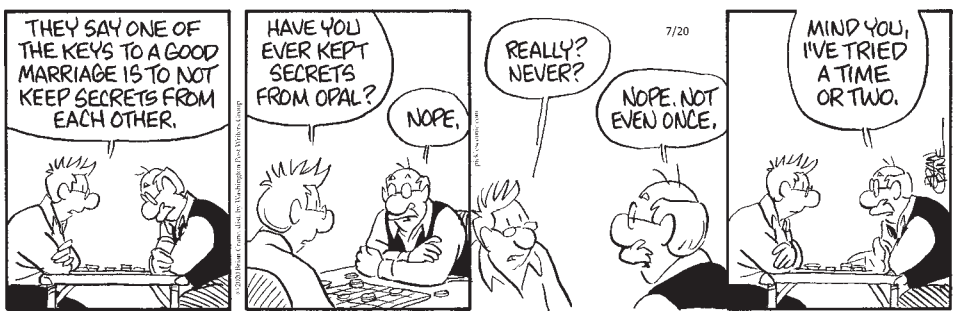
THEY SAY ONE OF THE KEYS TO A GOOD MARRIAGE IS TO NOT KEEP SECRETS FROM EACH OTHER.
HAVE YOU EVER KEPT SECRETS FROM OPAL?
NOPE.
REALLY? NEVER?
NOPE. NOT EVEN ONCE.
MIND YOU, I'VE TRIED A TIME OR TWO.
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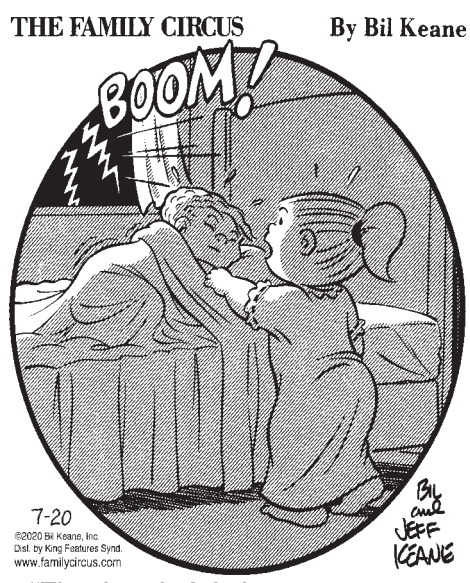
FAMILY CIRCUS



"The thunderin' always goes away if we go get in Mommy and Daddy's bed."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"ARE YOU GUYS TOO TIRED TO HIT THE WAVES ...OR TOO OLD ?"

BABY BLUES

DAD, ARE WE DOING ANYTHING THIS SUMMER?
WELL...
...WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD, I THINK WE'LL BE STAYING CLOSE TO HOME.
OKAY.
WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD?
LONG STORY.
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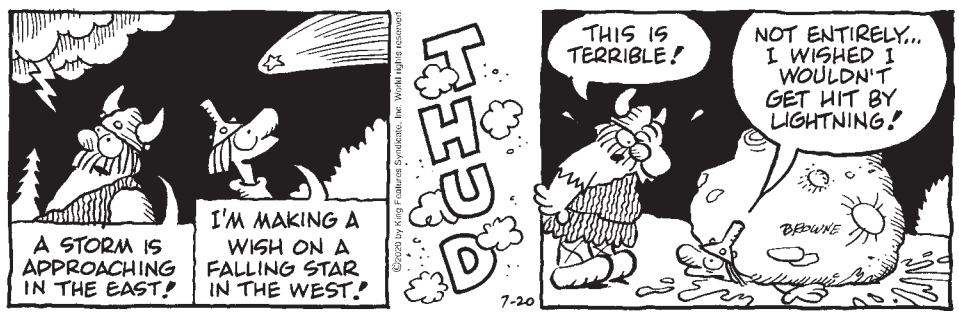
CURTIS

ZITS

IT WOULD BE SO MUCH FUN TO HAVE A POOL BACK HERE!
BUT THEN YOU'LL GO OFF TO COLLEGE AND I'M STUCK WITH A POOL AND ALL THE MAINTENANCE.
TOM SCOTTAK BORGMAN
IS ACUTE PRACTICALITY CURABLE?
WHAT HAVE YOU AND YOUR DAD BEEN DISCUSSING?

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


THUD
A STORM IS APPROACHING IN THE EAST!
I'M MAKING A WISH ON A FALLING STAR IN THE WEST!
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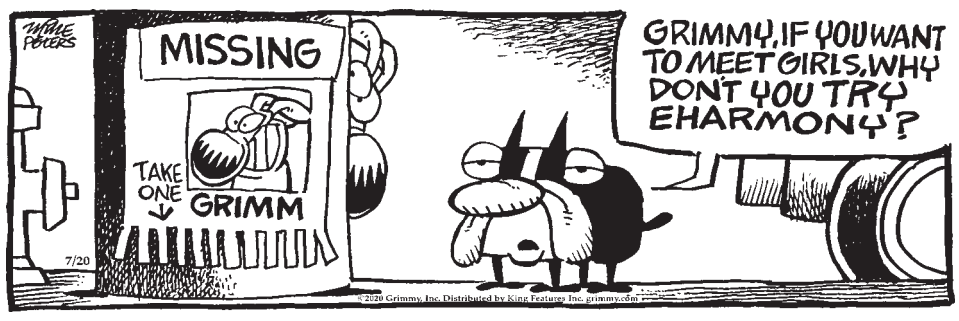
THIS IS TERRIBLE!
NOT ENTIRELY... I WISHED I WOULDN'T GET HIT BY LIGHTNING!
BROOME

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


WAYNE PERRY
MISSING
TAKE ONE GRIMM
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GRIMMY, IF YOU WANT TO MEET GIRLS, WHY DON'T YOU TRY EHARMONY?
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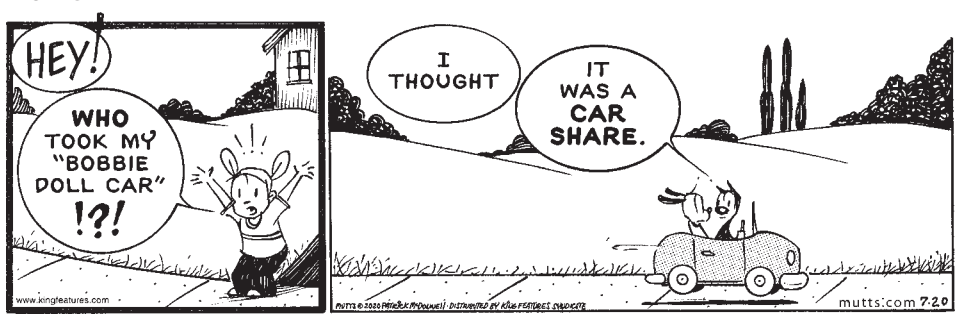
HEY!
WHO TOOK MY "BOBBIE DOLL CAR" !?!
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I THOUGHT
IT WAS A CAR SHARE.
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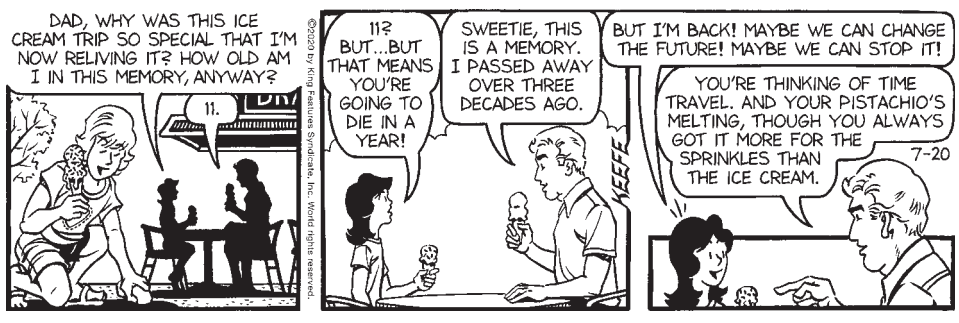
DAD, WHY WAS THIS ICE CREAM TRIP SO SPECIAL THAT I'M NOW RELIVING IT? HOW OLD AM I IN THIS MEMORY, ANYWAY?
11.
11? BUT...BUT THAT MEANS YOU'RE GOING TO DIE IN A YEAR!
SWEETIE, THIS IS A MEMORY. I PASSED AWAY OVER THREE DECADES AGO.
KEEFE
BUT I'M BACK! MAYBE WE CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE! MAYBE WE CAN STOP IT!
YOU'RE THINKING OF TIME TRAVEL. AND YOUR PISTACHIO'S MELTING, THOUGH YOU ALWAYS GOT IT MORE FOR THE SPRINKLES THAN THE ICE CREAM.
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THIS WEEKEND'S ISSUE

Look for in the Saturday edition

BEETLE BAILEY

CLEAN THAT POT!
DO IT YOUR-SELF
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU ?!
COOKIE USED ME AS A SCOURING PAD
GREG + MORT WALKER
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BLONDIE

LOOK AT THIS! THERE'S A BRAND-NEW LABEL ON THIS SPAGHETTI SAUCE THAT I'VE NEVER LIKED
MAYBE THEY'VE SWITCHED TO A BRAND-NEW RECIPE AS WELL, SWEETHEART
DON'T YOU REMEMBER TWO YEARS AGO, ON THIS VERY AISLE?
I'M NOT FALLING FOR THAT OLD SCAM AGAIN!
FOR AN INSTANT, I FORGOT WHO I WAS SHOPPING WITH
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HI & LOIS

LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES.
I ALMOST MADE IT TO NOON BEFORE TURNING ON THE TV.
Cookies
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ERIC REYES
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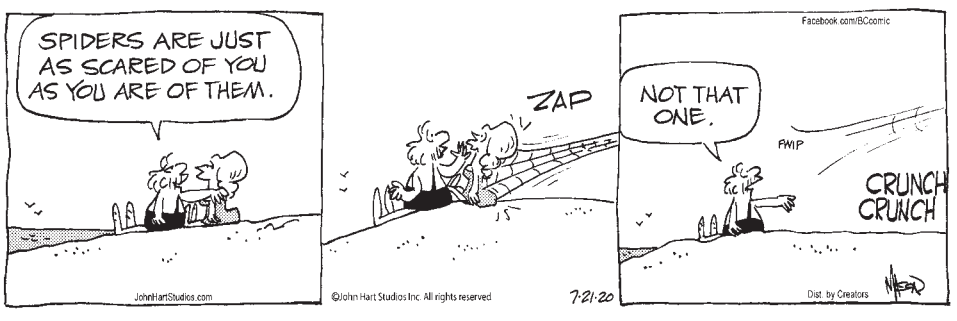

WIZARD OF ID

YOU HAVE RAISED OUR TAXES TOO MUCH
IT'S A LUXURY TAX
LUXURY? I LIVE IN A DIRT HUT! HOW IS THAT LUXURY?
IT'S FOR MY LUXURY
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I'M THINKING ABOUT WRITING A NOVEL.
STAY IN YOUR LANE!
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I'M NOT AMBITIOUS AND I HAVE INTENSE HATE-JEALOUSY FOR ANYONE WHO IS!
I WAS LOOKING FOR SOME ENCOUR-AGEMENT.
DIE! DIE! DIE!
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GARFIELD

GREETINGS! WE ARE YARN BALLS. WE COME IN PEACE
WAIT...WHERE HAVE WE LANDED?
PURR...
OH, NO! PLANET OF THE CATS!
PURR PURR
BAT 'EM! BAT 'EM! BAT 'EM!
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JIM DAVIS
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FORT KNOX

ARE YOU REALLY GIVING UP DONUTS, JOE?
YEAH, JANE SAYS I NEED TO EAT HEALTHY.
DIE IT'S
BUT YOU'VE EATEN THEM EVERY DAY FOR YEARS!
EXACTLY! SO I'M GOING TO WEAN MYSELF OFF OF THEM.
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT?
BY BINGEING ON DONUT HOLES.
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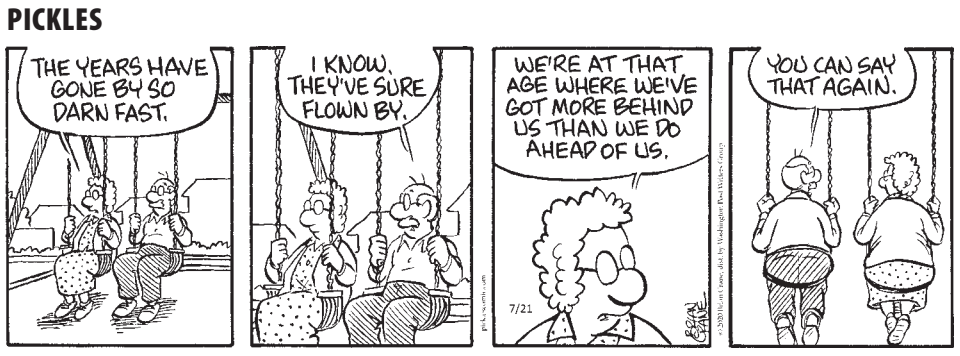
THE YEARS HAVE GONE BY SO DARN FAST.
I KNOW. THEY'VE SURE FLOWN BY.
WE'RE AT THAT AGE WHERE WE'VE GOT MORE BEHIND US THAN WE DO AHEAD OF US.
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN.
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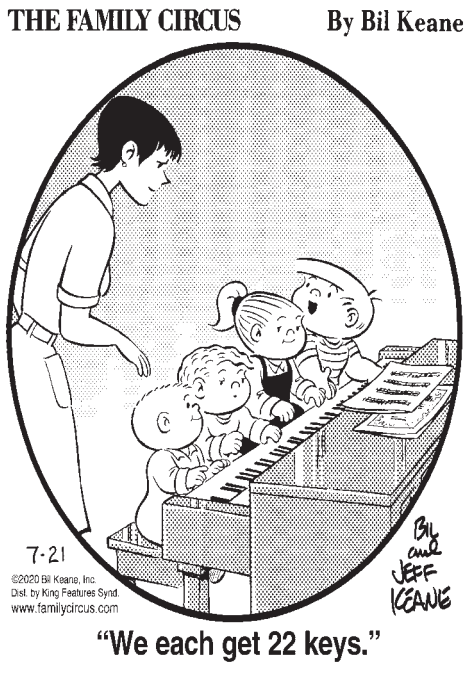

BABY BLUES

DAD SAYS WE'RE HAVING A STAYCATION!
THAT JUST MEANS WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
OH.
IT SOUNDED SO PROMISING!
YEAH. I THINK DAD MAY BE IN SALES.
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CURTIS

THERE'S A HIGHLY ANTICIPATED SHOW COMING SOON AND IT DOESN'T COST MUCH!
IT DARES TO BE ORIGINAL, EDGY, AND TAKES A CHANCE, SO YOU KNOW IT CAN'T BE NETWORK TV
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IT'S STREAMING, AND -
AND I KNOW I LOST HIM WHEN I SAID IT DOESN'T COST MUCH!
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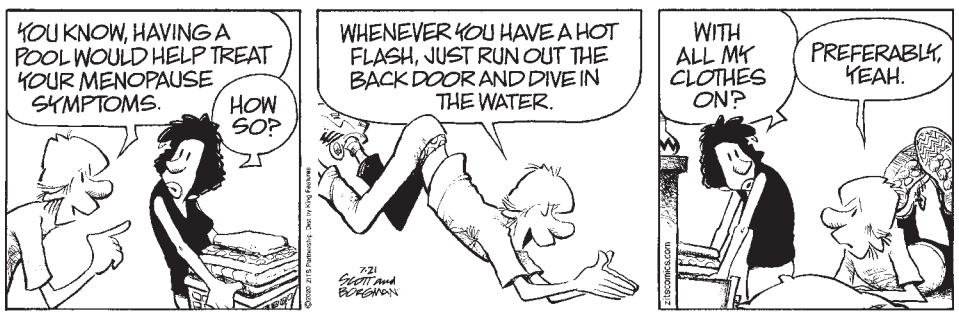
YOU KNOW, HAVING A POOL WOULD HELP TREAT YOUR MENOPAUSE SYMPTOMS.
HOW SO?
WHENEVER YOU HAVE A HOT FLASH, JUST RUN OUT THE BACK DOOR AND DIVE IN THE WATER.
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SCOTT and BORGMAN
WITH ALL MY CLOTHES ON?
PREFERABLY, YEAH.
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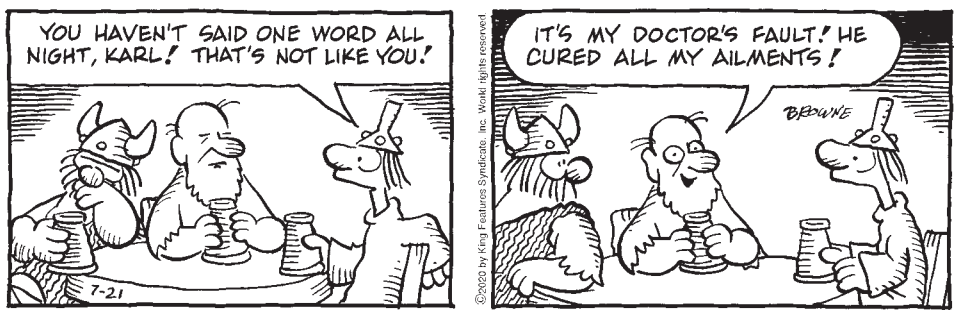
YOU HAVEN'T SAID ONE WORD ALL NIGHT, KARL! THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU!
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IT'S MY DOCTOR'S FAULT! HE CURED ALL MY AILMENTS!
BROWNE
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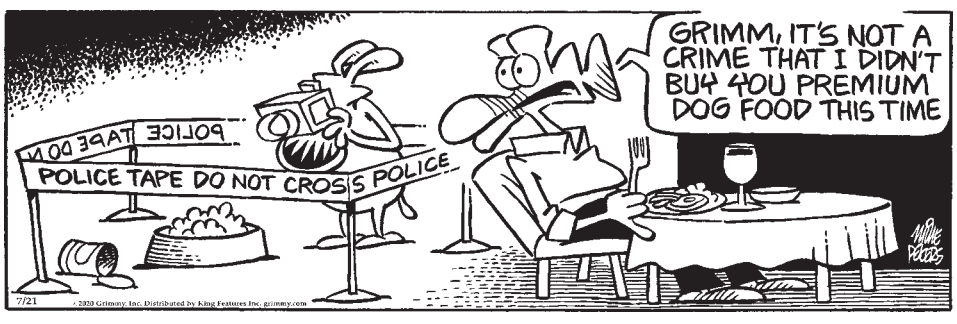
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


POLICE TAPE DO NOT CROSS POLICE
GRIMM, IT'S NOT A CRIME THAT I DIDN'T BUY YOU PREMIUM DOG FOOD THIS TIME
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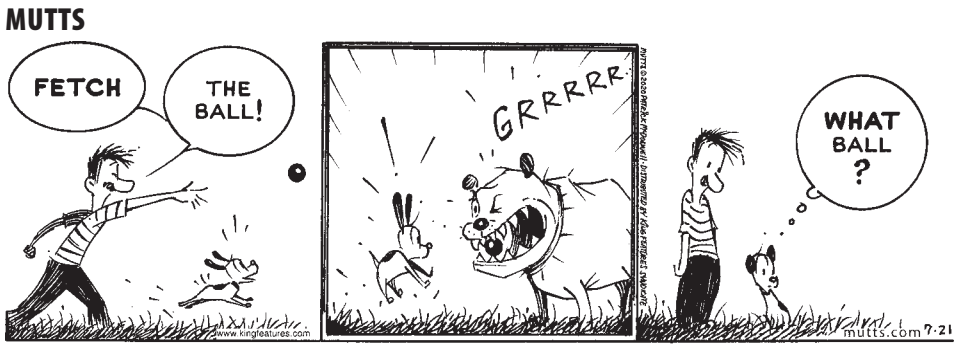

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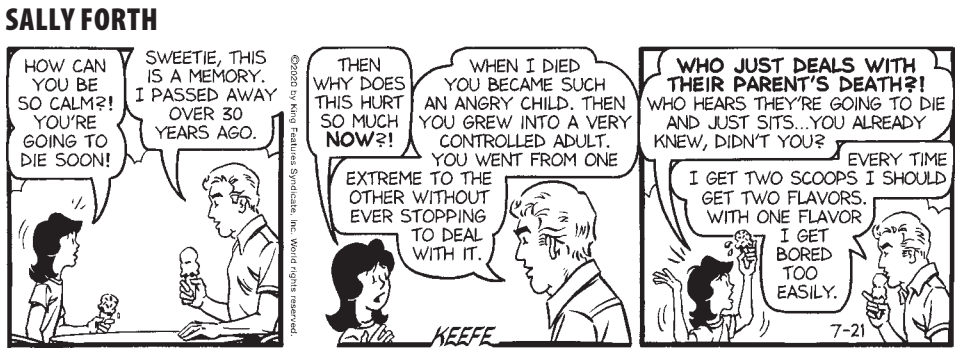
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM?! YOU'RE GOING TO DIE SOON!
SWEETIE, THIS IS A MEMORY. I PASSED AWAY OVER 30 YEARS AGO.
THEN WHY DOES THIS HURT SO MUCH NOW?!
WHEN I DIED YOU BECAME SUCH AN ANGRY CHILD. THEN YOU GREW INTO A VERY CONTROLLED ADULT. YOU WENT FROM ONE EXTREME TO THE OTHER WITHOUT EVER STOPPING TO DEAL WITH IT.
KEEFE
WHO JUST DEALS WITH THEIR PARENT'S DEATH?!
WHO HEARS THEY'RE GOING TO DIE AND JUST SITS...YOU ALREADY KNEW, DIDN'T YOU?
I GET TWO SCOOPS I SHOULD GET TWO FLAVORS. WITH ONE FLAVOR I GET BORED TOO EASILY.
EVERY TIME
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Rich Americans spew more carbon pollution at home than poor

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

Rich Americans produce nearly 25 percent more heat-trapping gases than poorer people at home, according to a comprehensive study of U.S. residential carbon footprints.

Scientists studied 93 million housing units in the nation to analyze how much greenhouse gases are being spewed in different locations and by income, according to a study published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Residential carbon emissions comprise close to one-fifth of global warming gases emitted by the burning of coal, oil and natural gas.

Using federal definitions of income level, the study found that energy use by the average higher income person's home puts out 6,482 pounds of greenhouse gases a year. For a person in the lower income level, the amount is 5,225 pounds, the study calculated.

"The numbers don't lie. They show that (with) people who are wealthier generally, there's a tendency for their houses to be bigger and their greenhouse gas emissions tend to be higher," said study lead author Benjamin Goldstein, an environmental scientist at the University of Michigan. "There seems to be a small group of people that are inflicting most of the damage to be honest."

In Beverly Hills, the average person puts four times as much heat-trapping gases into the air as someone living in South Central Los Angeles, where incomes are only a small fraction as much. Similarly, in Massachusetts, the average person in wealthy Sudbury spews 9,700 pounds of greenhouse gases into the air each year, while the average person in the much poorer Dorchester neighborhood in Boston puts out 2,227 pounds a year.

"That is the key message about emissions patterns," said University of California San Diego climate policy professor David Victor, who wasn't part of the study. "I think it raises fundamental justice questions in a society that has huge income inequality."

Even though richer Americans produce more heat-trapping gases, "the poor are more exposed to the dangers of the climate crisis, like heat waves, more likely to have chronic medical problems that make them more at risk to be hospitalized or die once exposed to heat, and often lack the resources to protect themselves or access health care," said Dr. Renee Salas, a Boston emergency room physician and Harvard climate health researcher who wasn't part of the study.

Salas and Sacoby Wilson, a professor of environmental health and epidemiology at the University of Maryland, who also wasn't part of the study, pointed to studies in Baltimore and other cities showing that because of fewer trees, more asphalt and other issues, temperatures can be more than 10 degrees hotter in poorer neighborhoods.

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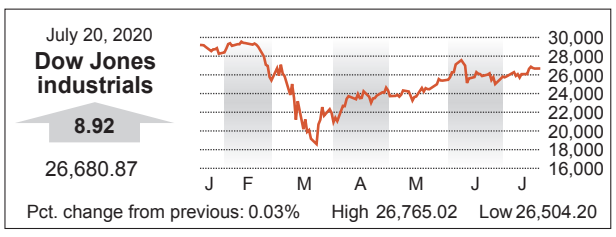

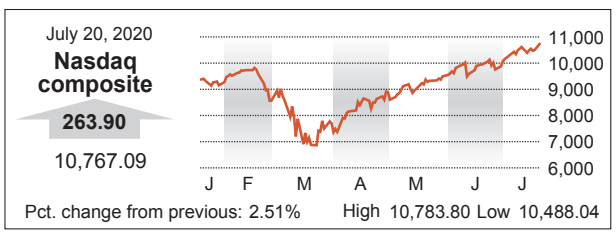

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TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	143.69	144.69	+3.92	+2.8	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	125.31	118.35	-.20	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	55.87	-.43	-0.8	▼	▲	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	90.14	-.39	-0.4	▼	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	134.13	131.47	-.27	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	36.65	64.50	40.46	-.96	-2.3	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	22.28	-.13	-0.6	▼	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	163.64	143.06	+.50	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
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OBITUARIES

Stanley 'Dick' Wakild

June 30, 1943 – July 11, 2020

Stanley "Dick" Wakild, 77, of South Haven passed away July 11, 2020 in his home.

He was born June 30, 1943, to Stanley C. and Clara Ruth (Roe) Wakild in South Haven. Dick graduated from South Haven High School with the class of 1961. He honorably served his country in the United States Air Force, the Army National Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Stan worked for the South Haven Area Emergency Services as a police officer and firefighter and retired as a Chief. After retiring, Stan worked as a firefighter at D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant and then worked as a security guard at Holland Hospital. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church and a former commander of the American Legion Post 49. Stan enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his children, Kimberly, Richard and Tommy; his granddaughter, Breeana Wakild; and by a great-granddaughter, Faith.

Dick is survived by his children, Terri Wakild and Tammy (Matt) Larson of South Haven and Chris (Ronda) Wakild of Portage; grandchildren, Brooke, Alicia, Brad and Megan; great-grandchildren, Ryan, Noah and Cooper; sister, Patricia (John) Hodge; special nephews, John (Vicky) Hodge and Richard (Monica) Hodge, and their children, Ethan, Haley, Tayler and Lauren.

A visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven. A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, at the funeral home, with Pastor Travis Wilson officiating. Dick will be laid to rest in Lake View Cemetery in South Haven. Memorial contributions may be made to South Haven Emergency Services, 90 Blue Star Hwy., South Haven, MI 49090 or the American Legion Post 49, 129 Michigan Ave., South Haven, MI 49090. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Larry James Hall

March 8, 1949 – July 17, 2020

Larry James Hall, 71, of St. Joseph passed away on Friday, July 17, 2020, at his home after a prolonged battle with cancer.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Services are being planned for a future date.

Larry was born on March 8, 1949, in Greenville, Mich., to the late Neil and Rose (Jovenall) Hall. After graduation from Greenville High School, he joined the Army National Guard of Pennsylvania from June 1968 through June 1974. Larry worked at The Herald-Palladium from 1989 until he retired in 2011 as production manager. Larry married Susan Blanchard on Sept. 23, 2000, in South Haven. He and Susan were avid Harley Davidson enthusiasts.

Larry is survived by his wife, Susan Blanchard; a stepdaughter, Angel (Tony) Stout; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Liz and Wayne Blanchard; brother-in-law, Steve (Jackie Chivington) Blanchard; sister-in-law, Christie (Tim) Kendall; grandchildren, Ryan and Chris Marr and Emma Stout; sister, Linda (Bill) Rinella; nephews, Joel, Christopher (Lynn) and Cory Rinella; and great-nieces, Julia Langietti and Emily Rinella.

David S. Sater

May 24, 1958 – July 16, 2020

David S. Sater, 62, of Stevensville passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at his home.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to his family in care of Krystal Vance. Those wishing to leave a memorial contribution online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

David was born on May 24, 1958, to Donald and Shirley (McIntyre) Sater in Battle Creek, Mich. He attended St. Joseph High School. David worked for UPS, most recently in the Next Day Air Department, for more than 40 years before his retirement in 2019. On June 3, 2000, David married the love of his life, Cathrine Nernberg, at their home in Stevensville.

David was always a curious, fun and loving man. He had a passion for fishing, playing pool and having cookouts with his friends. Most of all, David loved to spend his time with his family.

David is survived by his wife, Cathrine Sater of Stevensville; mother, Shirley (Doyle) Roberts of St. Joseph; children, Krystal (Joel) Vance of Stevensville and Jessica Sater of Stevensville; grandchildren, Hailey, Avah and Kinsley Vance; brother, Donald Sater of Stevensville; half-brother, Brian Martin of Arizona; uncle, Buddy (Carol) McIntyre of Niles; aunt, Jeri (Steve) Stewart of Wisconsin; and special friends, Jack Hill Jr. of St. Joseph and Dave Coble of Stevensville.

David was preceded in death by his father, Donald Sater; and his grandparents.

Gertrude F. Patzkowsky

Jan. 21, 1923 – July 9, 2020

Gertrude F. Patzkowsky, 97, of St. Joseph passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 9, 2020, in Holland, Mich.

A celebration of life service will be held privately with the family, in respect of social distancing. Burial will take place in Riverview Cemetery, St. Joseph. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Joseph. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Gertrude was born on Jan. 21, 1923, to George and Ethel Hawkins in Detroit. On Nov. 22, 1942, she married Leroy Patzkowsky. She was a long-time member of Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Joseph. She retired from Heath Company. Gertrude enjoyed going out to eat and playing cards with her family.

Gertrude is survived by her children, Joyce (Kurt) Tillmann and Kenneth Patzkowsky; sister-in-law, Ruth Patzkowsky; grandchildren, Julie (Kelly) Clark, Jeff Tillmann and Kiah Patzkowsky; great-grandchildren, Jacob, Elijah and Noah Tillmann and Kennedy, Kaden and Cooper Clark; nephew, Don Barker; and niece, Ellen (Larry) Marshall.

She was preceded in death by her husband, LeRoy Patzkowsky.

Death notices

Frances Cooke Avery, 93, of Berrien Springs: died July 20, 2020, at home. Heritage Chapel and Cremation Services, Berrien Springs, 471-2700.

John H. Boal, 87, of Berrien Springs: died July 17, 2020, at home. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Virginia Ruth Bowlby, 97, of Lawton: died July 20, 2020, in Bloomingdale. Betzler & Thompson Life Story Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-3870.

Ernesto Galvan Jr., 64, of Decatur: died July 18, 2020, at The Timbers of Cass County, Dowagiac. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Larry James Hall, 71, of St. Joseph: died July 17, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Gracie L. Holliday, 79, formerly of Benton Harbor: died July 16, 2020, in Oak Park, Mich. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Susie Lutzen, 84, of Niles: died July 18, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Bud C. Pillow, 80, of Benton Harbor: died July 14, 2020, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Christian Reyes, 25, of Battle Creek: died July 20, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Stanley "Dick" Wakild, 77, of South Haven: died July 11, 2020, at home. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Diane Marie Woodford, 64, of St. Joseph: died July 18, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

B. Louise Sims

March 7, 1924 – June 10, 2020

B. Louise Sims, 96, formerly of Benton Township and St. Joseph died Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, July 24, in Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Lincoln Township. The family will receive friends beginning at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the cemetery. Please remember to bring your face mask. Arrangements are by the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

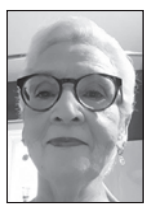
Louise was born on March 7, 1924, in Paragould, Ark., to Woody and Lucy Shearer. She was a member of the former Fairplain Assembly of God on Napier Avenue in Benton Township. More recently she had been attending church services at The Whitcomb, where she lived for the last few years. She loved to play cards with her friends. Her hobbies included crocheting and quilting. Louise made thousands of lap robes for the patients at the Lakeland Medical Center and was recognized for her volunteer work with a commendation from President Bush.

Her family includes, her children: Betty Wagner of Stevensville, Vergie Buckly of Florida, Jack Wallace of Benton Harbor, Kenneth Sims of Bridgman and Dan Sims of Paragould; her 13 grandchildren; her eight great-grandchildren; and her three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Virgil and Wilbourn.

Diane Marie Woodford

Sept. 14, 1955 – July 18, 2020



Diane Marie Woodford of St. Joseph passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

The family will be remembering Diane privately. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Diane was born Sept. 14, 1955, in St. Joseph, the daughter of the late Ervin and Mary Jo (Davey) Reck. She graduated from Bridgman High School and received her RN degree from Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor. She had retired as a staff RN from Paragon Home Health Care.

Survivors include her children, Jason and Katelyn, and grandson, Jason Jr. Woodford, all of St. Joseph; and one sister, Christine of Bridgman. She also is survived by her best friend, Brenda Spray of New Buffalo.

Diane was preceded by her sister, Barbara (Reck) Livingston.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremations Service, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman.

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1995 – 25 years ago

Gordon Food Services opened its 40th GFS Marketplace store Thursday at 1350 Mall Drive in Benton Township. GFS specializes in supplying food and related products to restaurants, schools and food service operators, but anyone is welcome to shop there for quantities large enough for a crowd.

David Karpinski, marketing director for the Grand Rapids-based chain, said most of its stores are in Michigan, but there also are some in Ohio and Indiana. The company has had a store in Niles for about 10 years. The manager of the new store, Greg Cantley, previously managed the Niles store.

1985 – 35 years ago

Bruce Watson was the unanimous choice picked by the Watervliet School Board Saturday night to be the district's new superintendent. Board action came after an executive session which followed second interviews with Watson and two other finalists for the position vacated by William Penny.

Watson, 37, has been superintendent at Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools in Whittemore since 1982 and was budget director for Dowagiac Public Schools for the year before going to Whittemore. He is a Dowagiac High School graduate.

1970 – 50 years ago

Benton Harbor city commissioners last night voted to name the park at Fair and Highland avenues the G. Earl Robbins Park in honor of the late Benton Harbor mortician.

Mayor Wilbert Smith said Benton Township supervisor Ray Wilder is to present the same motion to the township trustees board tonight. The park is owned and operated jointly by the two municipalities and approval from both is required. The founder and co-owner of the Robbins Brothers funeral home, 168 N. Fair Ave., died July 9. He was 62.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, July 21, the 203rd day of 2020. There are 163 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On July 21, 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tennessee, with John T. Scopes found guilty of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

On this date:

In 1796, Scottish poet Robert Burns died in Dumfries at age 37.

In 1861, during the Civil War, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Virginia, resulting in a Confederate victory.

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II, capturing it from the Japanese some three weeks later. The Democratic National Convention in Chicago nominated Sen. Harry S. Truman to be vice president.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the ascent stage of the lunar module for docking with the command module.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Chance T-storms	Few Showers	Scattered T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
82°	69°	81° / 71°	78° / 67°	83° / 72°	85° / 75°

Local Outlook

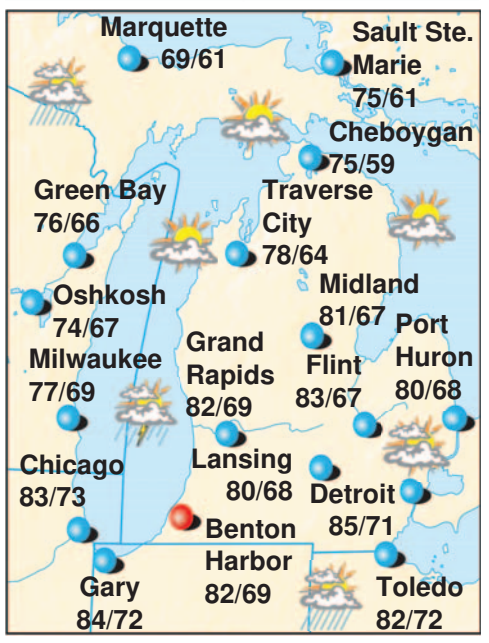
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 82°, humidity of 58%. East southeast wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 60% chance of showers, overnight low of 69°. South southeast wind 2 to 6 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:28 a.m.
Sunset	9:15 p.m.
Moonrise	7:13 a.m.
Moonset	10:22 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
7/27	8/3	8/11	8/18

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	84°
Low	67°
Normal High	83°
Normal Low	62°
Record High	99° in 2011
Record Low	50° in 2009

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.05"
Normal for month	2.92"
Year to date	24.13"
Normal Year to date	19.81"

Air Quality

Yesterday	35
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

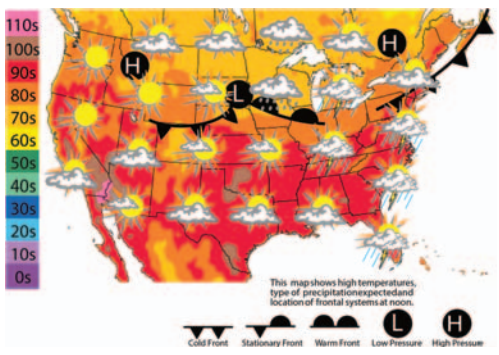
Weather Trivia

Can you use pine cones to forecast the weather? ?

Answer: Yes, the scales will close when rain is on the way.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for July 21, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, E wind 5 to 7 kt. A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 73 degrees. Tonight, NNE wind around 7 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with isolated showers, highs in the 60s and 70s. Southeast wind 2 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with widespread showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 60s and 70s. South wind 7 to 11 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 80s. East southeast wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 80s. West southwest wind 5 to 8 mph.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Adaptability and preparation will lead to the success you are looking for this year. Taking a different approach to what you do will spark your imagination and help you devise new ways to present old ideas. Don't let emotional or personal matters interfere with what you are trying to achieve.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't let anger surface. Put your energy into something constructive, and you'll get ahead. Let your success be your revenge when dealing with someone who irks you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your ideas may seem far-fetched to some, when, in reality, you are ahead of your time. Give others a chance to catch up to you. Spend your free time perfecting your plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Put personal papers in order. Protect yourself against ill health and injury. A partnership with someone unique will intrigue you. Read the fine print before you sign an agreement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't make changes without considering the cost involved. Spending on luxury items will cause undue stress. Moderation will ensure that you have plenty of energy to devote to the pastimes that make you happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When dealing with others, you are best off taking a wait-and-see approach. Your intuition will help you determine if someone is on your side or if they're trying to dismantle your plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your sensitivity toward others will affect the way situations unfold. Look for positive outlets you can enjoy with someone you love and trust.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Time alone will help you size up a troubling situation. Don't be shy; tell those close to you how you feel and what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Emotions channeled into something productive will bring good results. A personal gain will come your way if you use your skills diversely. Love is favored, and romance will enhance your life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take care of health issues. Get a second opinion if you aren't comfortable with the first one. A change of plans will result in better living arrangements. Don't hesitate to make a move.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Use your energy wisely. Don't waste your time arguing over petty differences. Focus on personal gain, physical fitness and spending quality time with a loved one. A change will lift your spirits.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Look at your options and make a decision. The changes you implement into your routine will stimulate your mind and encourage you to try something new and exciting.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Find a quick, efficient way to get things done. Freeing up some time to spend with a loved one will lead to a good plan. Love and romance are featured.

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hp SPOTLIGHT Community

Don Campbell / HP staff

Benton Harbor Area Schools Superintendent Andrae Townsel started with the district in the middle of February, one month before the COVID-19 pandemic forced schools to close across the state and country. The Detroit native first took notice of the district's plight in spring of 2019, when Gov. Gretchen Whitmer pushed a plan to close the high school.

Andrae Townsel keeps it positive

BH superintendent asks for community's assistance to help turn the district around

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Andrae Townsel strives to bring positivity and excellence to everything he does, including in his new role as superintendent of Benton Harbor Area Schools, which he started in February.

The Detroit native said he understands the struggles Benton Harbor students face because he has walked in their shoes.

"I grew up in an urban environment, went to our local public school, and I experienced all that there is to experience as a teenager growing up in Detroit," he said. "... That's why I feel at home in Benton Harbor. ... Ultimately, it's about choosing what's right and going down that path."

Townsel, 36, said he's had his eye on the district ever since state officials in May 2019 suggested that the school board close Benton Harbor High School and focus on raising student achievement in lower grades while working to reduce district debt.

"I watched how it played out. How community advocates rallied in support of the district," he said. "And I told myself that if (state officials) decide to give Benton Harbor an opportunity to move forward as a school district that, I would throw my name in the hat as part of the superintendent search."

Highlights

Name: Andrae Townsel

Job: Superintendent of Benton Harbor Area Schools

Town: Benton Harbor

Fun fact: He is a rapper known as DraeTown, and earned recognition in 2011 from the city of Detroit (his hometown) for the song "City of Gold"

Then shortly after he started in his new position, the COVID-19 pandemic hit the state, with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordering all schools to close mid-March.

Townsel said the closing of the schools may have been a good thing because it gave him time to assess the school district and to put plans in place.

"Everything is going to be better (in the fall)," he said. "In all aspects of our district, we have the personnel in place. We have a lot of talented individuals on the team. And we expect to have a very productive school year, and we expect to see a positive academic return on the investments that we've made."

Team effort

Townsel points out that he can't do it by himself, and that turning the district around will be a team effort.

"Everyone who has a vested interest in Benton Harbor Area Schools has a role to play in the ultimate turn-around," he said. "Specifically, something that everyone can do tangibly is to share their positive experiences about the district and about their time in Benton Harbor, and to utilize social media to share the positive."

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ANDRAE TOWNSEL

He said some people may be able to positively influence the school district through donations. Others may want to volunteer.

"Just be part of the process and part of the solution," he said. "Nothing is perfect, but we're chasing perfection."

Townsel said that's what the students deserve.

"I understand that our young people's future is not guaranteed and our futures are fragile, so it's incumbent on me to ensure that they have all of the tools and all of the resources needed to become a productive citizen in our global society," he said.

When he was a high school student at Cass Technical High School in Detroit, Townsel worried about his future as an adult in the "real world."

"The first thing you think about is – how do I take care of myself? What are my plans? What will my career be? What will I choose to do with the rest of my life?"

Because he had those fears, he decided to become an advocate for all young people so they can become successful adults, no matter what they do after high school, be it college, a technical job or an athletic career.

Townsel has focused on being positive his whole life.

Detroit rapper

In 2011, the Detroit City Council honored him for his award-winning rap song, "City of Gold," which he wrote and performed under the name DraeTown. The song went viral on YouTube and led to his being on the three-part reality show, "Detroit in Overdrive," which featured Kid Rock.

"I was highlighted as a local rapper, DraeTown, doing positive things in the city, such as tearing down blighted buildings and supporting soup kitchens," he said.

Townsel said that he wrote the song to focus on the positive things happening in Detroit.

At the time, he was living in the Washington, D.C., area working in the local public school system and on his doctoral degree in urban education and leadership at Howard University. But he said his heart was always in Detroit.

"I was saddened by all the (negative) news about my hometown, Detroit," he said. "... I wanted to shine a light on the positivity of young people that are products of Detroit. I was highlighting myself as a product of Detroit."

In 2011, he also won the Spirit of Detroit and Detroit Most Wanted awards due to the success of "City of Gold."

Ran for mayor

Then in 2012, he ran as an independent to be the mayor of Detroit.

"I was fully prepared to come back and take it seriously if I won," he said.

Townsel still writes inspirational rap songs, to motivate people to do better and to be achievers. His latest song, which he wrote last fall, is called "Back to School Hustle."

His words of wisdom can be found on YouTube at "Maximizing your potential: Andrae Townsel at TEDxDetroit 2012."

"I put a lot of my raps into my talk, which is a positive message about maximizing your potential," he said.

Townsel also had a short professional football career, after he had attended Howard University on a football scholarship. After receiving a master's degree in educational leadership and administration, he signed a two-year contract in 2009 to play professional football with the Canadian Football League with the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

But after injuring his knee during the first year, he decided not to pursue football and enrolled in a doctoral program in educational leadership and policy studies at Howard. Besides the doctor's degree, he received a national superintendent certification through the Howard University Urban Superintendent Academy program.

Townsel worked for the District of Columbia Public Schools for several years, starting in 2008 as a high school teacher and leaving in 2016 as an assistant principal. He left to take a job as a turn-around principal at a Massachusetts high school, where he stayed until 2018.

"That's significant because Massachusetts has the No. 1 education system in the county," he said. "I had the opportunity to learn and serve at the highest performing education system in the country."

But he said he always wanted to return to Michigan, which he did in 2018 to be the assistant superintendent at Wayne-Westland Community Schools in the Detroit area.

Townsel now lives in Benton Harbor during the week and on most weekends, goes home to his wife, a doctor at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and two young children, who live in the Detroit area.

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Candice Elders, executive director of marketing and communications for Lake Michigan College, says enrolling and thriving at community college put her on a successful career – and life – path.

LMC's Candice Elders lives her message

Executive director of marketing and communications: 'Community college saved my life'

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Candice Elders has a heart for community colleges.

"Community college saved my life. I don't know where I would have been without community college. It was affordable for me, accessible for me, and it gave me some cushion to make mistakes and learn from them, and bounce back and keep going," she said.

Elders, the executive director of marketing and communications for Lake Michigan College, said community college allowed her to explore various interests.

Now, she said, "It's just such a gift to be able to see a new flock of students every fall that have so much to offer. I like helping deliver this message to other kids who were like me who maybe don't have a family pushing them to do more. This is a place where someone will believe in them and nurture their curiosity and interests."

Highlights

Name: Candice Elders

Job: Executive director of marketing and communications for Lake Michigan College

Town: St. Joseph

Fun fact: She can sing the 50 states in alphabetical order

Born in west Chicago, Elders experienced a turbulent childhood that included government subsidized housing and food stamps. When she was 15, her mother sent her to a boarding school in Indiana to finish high school. She graduated from there in 1994.

"After that, I had a best friend Kate that I'd had since junior high school. Her mom was a professor at Grand Valley, and she basically took me under her wing," Elders recalls.

"She drove me to Muskegon Community College and showed me how to apply for financial aid, and told me how to sign up for classes. I took an English class and a sociology class and then I was in love. I loved school. I loved learning."

Elders said in her friend's mother, she found a person who believed in her and could show her the way.

"She was such a great example. She was very smart, independent, and she had faith in me that I could do it," she said of Christine Falvey.

Elders continued her education, but with a few fits and starts. She took some time off school and moved to Alaska, living in a tent. Later, she enrolled at Grand Rapids Community College, where she finished two years.

She was working for a store that sold outdoor equipment such as kayaks and camping equipment.

"When we got our kayak shipments in for the year we would go as a team on Lake Superior and test out the boats," Elders said.

She fell in love with the Upper Peninsula and enrolled at Northern Michigan University, earning her bachelor's degree in applied sociology and communications.

"When I was a senior I did an internship with the Office of Institutional Research, doing surveys. We worked on a census for the Sioux Tribe. It was really interesting work and I loved it. My boss said if I wanted to stay and go to graduate school they would pay my tuition, so I did that and finished school in 2003 with a master's degree in public administration."

She did a stint as a reporter at an NBC affiliate that she said "taught me an appreciation for journalism."

Elders then took a job as director of strategic projects at Michigan Works in Marquette. She ended up also doing marketing and communications.

Her job was grant-funded, so when the grant was about to expire, she was looking for work.

"At a workforce development conference I met Todd Gustafson from Michigan Works in Southwest Michigan, now Kinexus. He is the CEO. I came to work here in Benton Harbor in 2007 as community relations manager at Michigan Works. I lived in the city of Benton Harbor," Elders said.

Called her time at Michigan Works/Kinexus a great experience.

"I want to say how much I learned through that and how much they invested into my professional development. Working with the community, and working at a workforce development agency during a recession was very interesting and eye-opening," Elders said. "I never intended to be here this long. When I moved here I had told myself, no less than two years, no more than five, then I would move along."

At the end of five years, she moved to Kalamazoo and began working in media relations and public relations at Bronson Hospital.

"Somehow I had it in my head that if you stay somewhere too long it was somehow damaging to your career. And I was young and single, and thought I wanted to be in a bigger city or a different kind of community that had more of what I had in Marquette," she said.

But while living in Benton Harbor, she had met John Cook, who would become her husband and, "We wanted to start a family. I realized after moving away and seeing all the investment happening here, it seems more and more like a great place to raise a family."

Their daughter, Chloe, is now 6.

In 2014, Elders accepted a job as marketing coordinator for LMC and, within six months, worked her way up to her current role.

"I love what I do. I love the mission. I love the challenge of trying to figure out how to reach people. That's probably one of the hardest elements of my job."

She said it's a challenge to figure out data and analytics and how to be relevant and engage an audience using various platforms.

"Another thing I love so much about my job is the people I work with. Being part of a creative team of writers and multi-media specialists and graphic designers, and being able to see what this team comes up with is so cool," she said. "I'm just so humbled to be part of it and I'm so lucky to get to work with such a talented team that really cares about what they do. It's a labor of love."

When she's not at work, Elders enjoys kayaking and spending time outdoors. She also wants to get back into volunteer work.

"When I was living in Benton Harbor I was on the board of the New Territory Arts Association, and that was when we were first starting the Art Hops. That was really cool, to see the arts district grow," she said.

"People at first were reluctant to come to that part of town and over the years, to see it grow so much and to see the crowds of people and all the creative work that's happening in that place is so cool."

She said now that her daughter is a bit older, "I feel like I haven't been as involved with extra curricular activities as much as I used to be, and that's very important to me. I want to demonstrate that to my daughter, as well."

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Dave and Hannah Heyn run the Harbor Country Mission Warehouse, located along Red Arrow Highway in Bridgman, with the help of dozens of volunteers.

Dave and Hannah Heyn are on a mission to help others

Harbor Country Mission has seen impressive growth since its start in 2013

By ANDY STEINKE
HP Features Editor

BRIDGMAN — Dave and Hannah Heyn have dedicated their lives to helping the most vulnerable among us – from foster children to the working poor to the homeless.

"The more people you can help who cannot return the favor, people you can extend care to or kindness to, who do not repay, the better off you are," Dave said.

The former youth pastor and his wife, both 42, met while Dave was in school at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Now, they've been married for 20 years and have four children, Lydia, 17; Trey, 15; Zoey, 12; and Mikey, 9.

The couple runs the nonprofit Harbor Country Mission, which operates the HCM Warehouse along Red Arrow Highway in Bridgman and HCM Vintage Finds, an antique store farther down the road in Sawyer.

"I tell people I was a pastor for a long time, and I did church on Sundays," Dave said. "I literally feel like I do church every day now. I love what we're doing here."

After working for more than 13 years in Sawyer, and another two and a half in California, Dave stepped away from the ministry to focus on Harbor Country Mission, which received its nonprofit status while they were on the West Coast.

"We lived in a church parsonage, and people know that they can go to a church for help, they know that there's a pastor there," Dave said. "We would many times give bags of groceries out of our cupboard. We would have people join us at dinner. We'd even have people stay in our basement at times. ... It encouraged us in so many ways to formally help more than just our back door."

Harbor Country Mission was founded in 2013. Now, the Heyns and dozens of volunteers assist thousands of people every year. Last year alone, the nonprofit helped repair 186 homes, donated 33 cars, gave away 65,000 items from the free room at the HCM Warehouse, helped feed hundreds of pets and raised funds to help locals eliminate medical debt.

As Harbor Country Mission's reach has grown, so has its recognition. Last year, it was among the finalists for Best Local Antique Store, Best Local Resale Store and Best Local Nonprofit Agency in The Herald-Palladium's annual Readers' Choice awards. Then, earlier this year, it won the inaugural Nonprofit Excellence Award at the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber and Cornerstone Alliance 2020 Business Recognition Breakfast.

"It was basically like winning a Grammy," Hannah said of the excellence award. "That's what we acted like. ... First I was like, our name's on the board, then when they say the name ..."

"To even be named among the other great nonprofits I thought was a win," Dave added. "It affirms that we are a great organization, and we are doing great things, and we are making a difference. And then, I could not believe, I could not believe, that we won."

"People, for probably three months after, came up and said it was so much fun to see such excitement," Hannah said. "I think 'cause we were new, and we are real passionate, because we're both so involved, it just meant so much. It's not like we're going to a meeting, we're moving the stuff, so it was just so exciting."

To help staff their two locations for six to eight hours a day, seven days a week, the Heyns get a little help from their friends.

"The working poor have one thing they don't have, and that's time," Dave said. "So when we opened this facility (the HCM Warehouse), we said we'd be open every single day from 11 to 5. I remember telling Hannah, 'I might have to sit at the desk, who's going to run it?' Every person who we helped in those first couple of weeks, we just said, 'Is there a time that you could sit at the desk and help manage it for us? Is there an hour we could get?' Within two weeks, every hour was covered."

It wasn't the first time the community realized their work was important and stepped up to help. When the nonprofit was looking to purchase the HCM Warehouse property, a matching grant and enough donations poured in within six weeks that it was paid for.

When he was still a pastor, Dave ran the church garage sale every year. One day, a woman came looking for some money to help buy a new fridge.

"I thought to myself, I just had one donated. It's in our storage," he said. "So I could give you the money, or I could just give you the item that you need. I remember thinking, why don't we just use all these items that have been donated to get to people who need them? That just makes sense."

A 10-by-10-foot closet was filled with items that could be given away. It was called TAG (take some items and give some time).

"That TAG event that we would run about once a month, giving away items, encouraging people to volunteer in the closet, really that's where (Harbor Country Mission) was birthed," Dave said.

Before long, the closet was moved to three storage units: one for tools to do home repairs, one for free items and one for materials. From there, it was moved to the 5,000-square-foot HCM Warehouse.

Those who are on a low, fixed income, who are on food assistance or who have experienced a recent hardship (like a house fire or loss of job), can qualify for five items from the free room, one appliance, one large piece of furniture and unlimited clothing every week for free. Then, one Friday a month, all the outdated items at both locations are pushed into the parking lots and offered for free to anyone in the community.

"It's a great time for us to kind of clean out our warehouse, clean out our antique store and make room for more donations," Dave said.

"I think the big thing is that we weren't trying to draw reasons people couldn't get from us," Hannah said. "We have been helping people long enough to know that a lot of places have very strict policies, which I think can be helpful, and you can see why they have them, but our big thing is finding ways to help as many people as we can without the red tape."

Harbor Country Mission volunteers also go out into the community to help others. They've helped build wheelchair ramps, fix doors, install windows and even helped one elderly lady move from a rehab center back into her home.

The Friday and Saturday work days have been put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as has the Mission's pick-up service. The pandemic shut down the antique store, the nonprofit's primary source of income, but the HCM Warehouse remained open during the state's stay-at-home orders.

Besides helping others through the nonprofit, the Heyns help others much closer to home, too.

"Dave's parents did (fostering) while he grew up," Hannah said. "We always thought we'd do it, we just didn't know the timing of it. Once we had our third child, we knew we were done having kids, and we thought we would start getting licensed then."

The couple recently fostered two siblings for two years, and then a newborn for seven weeks. But it was an 18-month-old who really grew on them during his 2 1/2 years of foster care with the family.

"One of the phrases we said back then was, it wasn't so much that we chose him, in many ways he chose us," Dave said of their son, Mikey. "When you've been with a child for that long, attachment grows. Now, all of a sudden, it's like, oh he's coming up for adoption? Well he's obviously ours. There's no question. Once that threshold is over and parental rights are terminated, and a child comes up for adoption, if he's in that home and he's a great fit and he's attached, you don't uproot that. Mikey's just been the greatest."

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Highlights

Names: Dave and Hannah Heyn

Jobs: Executive director (Dave) and operations manager (Hannah) at Harbor Country Mission

Town: Bridgman

Fun fact: To celebrate their 20th anniversary last month, Dave and Hannah went on 20 dates in 20 days, acting like tourists in Southwest Michigan.

Hannah Heyn looks through hundreds of items of clothing at Harbor Country Mission Warehouse in Bridgman. Every week, those in need can visit the Warehouse for unlimited free clothing, in addition to other free items.

The 5,000-square-foot Harbor Country Mission Warehouse in Bridgman offers a wide variety of donated furniture, clothes and everyday items. Harbor Country Mission also runs an antique store, HCM Vintage Finds, in Sawyer.

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Gail Patterson-Gladney stands in Elkenburg Park, a once-dilapidated park in South Haven that has undergone a $300,000-plus transformation thanks to the efforts of Gladney and other neighborhood residents.

Standing up for change

Gail Patterson-Gladney has broken barriers in South Haven, Van Buren County

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Gail Patterson-Gladney does not let age define her.

A month ago, the 71-year-old South Haven resident joined approximately 800-1,000 people in a 2-mile-long Black Lives Matter march through the city's streets.

"A lot of Black leaders have come down through the years in American history. The election of the first African-American president (Barack Obama) didn't stop systemic racism either," she said. "The mindset of America has to be changed."

Over the years Patterson-Gladney has made it her mission to improve the quality of life for the Black community in South Haven.

Two years ago South Haven area voters elected her to the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, in District 1. Prior to that, she spent eight years on the South Haven City Council. She was the first Black woman to serve on either board.

Ironically, it was not her initial intention to become a public official or a community leader.

"No one in our family had run for public office," she said, discussing her parents, the late Benjamin Franklin and Clara Lucille Brown. Although Patterson-Gladney and her seven brothers and sisters all obtained college degrees, seeking political office in Van Buren County didn't seem high on their list of priorities.

"Our parents taught us there were two worlds we lived in," Patterson-Gladney said shortly after taking office as a county commissioner. "They acknowledged we were African Americans, but they also said we could do anything we set our minds to do."

So she did just that.

After graduating in 1967 from South Haven High School, she went on to the University of Michigan and obtained a bachelor of science degree in social work.

After returning to South Haven in the early 1990s, she was hired as children's librarian at South Haven Memorial Library, a job she still holds to this day.

But even while staying busy raising her son and working at the library, bettering her neighborhood was always on Patterson-Gladney's mind.

Known several decades ago by the derogatory name "The Zone," the neighborhood is home to a majority of the city's Black residents and churches.

Elkenburg Park, which is close by Patterson-Gladney's home, was avoided by most white residents and earned the reputation for being a hangout for illegal drug users and pushers and a place where fights occurred. At that time, the park had few if any trees, a couple of basketball courts, a few pieces of playground equipment, no landscaping, and very few picnic tables. Its restroom facilities were often in disrepair due to reoccurring vandalism.

By the 1990s, neighborhood residents around the park were fed up and wanted city officials to make improvements at the park and reduce illegal drug activity and other crimes.

The fights and crime were effectively reduced by stepped-up police efforts. However, the park was in bad shape, so much so that a decade ago, Patterson-Gladney and other neighborhood leaders began pressuring city officials to do something to make the park more attractive and desirable for local residents and youth.

"I said, 'It's the same as when I left for college in 1967,'" Patterson-Gladney recalled telling city staff. "They kept saying 'we don't have the money.'"

Yet she wouldn't give up.

"I was told if someone from Ward 1 (which includes the Elkenburg Park area) were to run for city council, we might have some clout," Patterson-Gladney said.

So she ran in 2010 and won.

Once on the council, and with the prompting of city leaders, Patterson-Gladney and other community leaders from the Elkenburg Park area formed a group called the Elkenburg Park Improvement Committee, which was a liaison to the city's parks commission.

The committee and parks commission members laid out an improvement plan for the park and obtained a state grant to help make those improvements a reality.

New basketball courts were poured. Bleachers installed. New landscaping was planted, along with trees to provide shade for picnickers. In addition restrooms were renovated and new picnic tables purchased. The South Haven Garden Club planted flowers and the community worked together to put together a large playground set.

Once a park that was ignored by most people, Elkenburg Park is now a gathering place for summertime events that attracts diverse crowds.

Buoyed by the success of the Elkenburg Park improvements, Patterson-Gladney and other neighborhood residents next formed the Ward 1 Community Action Committee to seek more advancements.

First led by Rev. Aaron Cobbs, a local pastor and business owner, the group started a scholarship program for Ward 1 graduating seniors. They then started a summer internship program for high school students, began hosting annual leadership conferences, and summer potluck picnics for city residents.

"People had a vision for a better community," said Gladney, who now serves as president of the Action Committee.

But perhaps the committee's great success is its ability now to attract other residents from Ward 1, who are providing their ideas for improving the area, which pleases Patterson-Gladney.

"You can never be a leader if you don't work with the community," she said. "If you work as a group it can have a positive effect on society."

Patterson-Gladney said she has no thoughts of slowing down. As a county commissioner she hopes county officials will ensure equality for people of color.

"I'm hoping we can look at all departments and make sure there's equity and fairness for everyone," she said.

Patterson-Gladney ultimately hopes younger generations of people of color won't have to deal with the racism she and other members of her family have dealt with over the years.

"When I was in high school you could never get a job downtown (South Haven)," she said. "We'd have to stay with relatives in Illinois and work there for the summer."

Things weren't much better for younger family members in later years.

"My niece did have a job downtown," Patterson-Gladney recalled. "The owner's son would say racist things to her. She talked to his dad, her boss about it, and he fired her."

But, Patterson-Gladney remains optimistic that the Black Lives Matter movement will propel long-needed equality for Black residents.

"I'm hoping that young people can put that energy to action for positive change," she said. "Younger people have great ideas and vision. That's what gives me hope."

Highlights

Name:
Gail Patterson-Gladney

Job: Children's librarian at South Haven Memorial Library and elected public official

Town: South Haven

Fun fact: Though 71 years old, Patterson-Gladney said she has no plans to slow down her efforts to promote social change

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When she's not working as children's librarian at South Haven Memorial Library or attending Van Buren County Commission meetings and other community group meetings, Gail-Patterson Gladney and her husband, John Gladney, tour rural roads on John's Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

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Sticking to the plan

Berrien Road Department Director Jason Latham is systematically working to upgrade county's road network

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Jason Latham is managing director of the Berrien County Road Department. When he's not executing a plan to upgrade the county's network of roads, Latham and his wife are busy with their Bainbridge Township fruit farm.

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

Highlights

Name: Jason Latham

Job: Director of the Berrien County Road Department

Town: Bainbridge Township

Fun fact: Latham and his wife operate a fruit farm

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Jason Latham said it was a baptism by fire when he became managing director of the Berrien County Road Department on Feb. 8, 2018.

Shortly after he started, a snowstorm dumped a foot of snow on the area.

"And then we had the flood," he said.

Latham, 52, said it was a perfect storm of rapidly melting snow on ground that was partially frozen, along with heavy rains.

"I was still trying to learn garages and locations and where everybody is, and we're closing roads left and right because we had water over the road," he said. "In some cases, culverts had collapsed and the road just kind of washed out."

In his previous job as the Michigan Department of Transportation southwest regional manager, he said he learned a lot about roads. But dealing with two emergency situations was a bit different.

"I was introduced to the (emergency operations center), which I hadn't been part of that process before," he said. "That's 24/7. They were open a good couple of months."

Even though it was hectic, he said he felt lucky.

"The nice thing is, we have really good people here," he said.

The Maryland native said love brought him to Southwest Michigan.

"My wife (the former Susan Olney) and I met at a Notre Dame football game," he said. "She was a really good friend of my cousin."

Flat Tire Farm

When he's not tending to roads, he said he's working on the family's fruit farm, Flat Tire Farm, in Bainbridge Township.

He said his wife's family has been into fruit farming forever, and he just married into it.

"Now I have 200 (peach and apple) trees at my house," he said.

Every weekend during the summer, he said the family heads to a farmer's market in Batavia, Ill., to sell the fruit.

He said they used to sell their fruit at a local farmer's market, but there was too much competition and not enough customers.

"If we're going to spend the entire day getting ready and going, you want to sell enough to make it worth while," he said. "When you get to a really heavily populated area in the suburbs of Chicago, then you can sell everything and hopefully make enough money to make it worth while."

He said Batavia reminds him of St. Joseph.

"You've got the Fox River instead of Lake Michigan," he said. "It's a really nice, quaint, downtown. It has that historic feel to it. And the neighborhoods just keep going and going."

Latham has worked at several different locations in Michigan for MDOT, but almost always lived in Berrien County.

"I love Berrien County. This is where I'm raising my kids. This is where I call home and where I always plan on calling home," he said.

He said working for the Maryland Department of Transportation, and then MDOT from 1992 until 2018, prepared him in some ways for the job in Berrien County. In other ways, not so much.

"At MDOT, everything is so engineered because engineers are running the place," he said. "There are teams of people who go over process, process, process. Even if it's hiring someone, which is a non-engineering process, it's all written down, it's all spelled out, and it's been looked at 50 different times. There is a process for everything."

But Latham said there are times the process doesn't make sense.

"I was always the person trying to make things better," he said. "But if you're the person on the other side, I was the person always messing up the process."

Then he came to the county, where there are no longer teams of people.

"There's not 30 people in Lansing poring over how to do something," he said.

Roads are a network

In Berrien County, Latham said he's working to make the roads better by using an asset management plan.

"We've been able to make a pretty good leap in our system conditions," he said. "Our roads are getting better. We don't have near the amount of funding we need to really maintain the roads the way the public expects us to, but now I have the data and the information. We're making data-driven decisions, which is critical, so I can figure out what I can do with the money I have."

He said it's important to keep a road in good shape not because of the municipality it is in, but because people need to drive over it to get places.

"There's no politics in roads," he said. "A road is a network. A road goes through Berrien County, Van Buren County, Kalamazoo County. ... I'm looking at the network."

He said the data-driven approach he brought to the county includes not just roads, but bridges, culverts, signals and guardrails.

To do that, Latham invested in a geographical information system that keeps track of everything concerning roads, such as where the road is, how old it is and what condition it's in.

He said they recently completed putting everything in the computerized system.

"It's the coolest thing ever," he said. "If someone wants to know about a guardrail, I can grab my database, look at it, know where it is, and know its condition. If there's a hot spot, I can see it."

Based on the information, he said he's developed a plan for the county's roads and bridges and is finalizing a plan for culverts and signals.

He said many people believe that you build a better road system by fixing the worst first.

"But that's not the strategy that will get you where you want to be, and we have the data to show us that," he said.

Rather, sealing cracks in newer roads helps them to stay in good condition longer and is much cheaper than replacing an entire road.

"My goal is to have the best road department in the state," he said. "That's it."

More than a road

Latham said it's also important to realize that roads lead to destinations that can make Berrien County the best county in the state.

He said that he's developing partnerships with communities and businesses to help them not only have smooth roads, but economic development. And the pooling of money and resources can make that happen.

"It's place making," he said. "You know when you've been to a city or community that you really like. I can guarantee you that the road's nice. There's probably sidewalks. There's probably paths. There's probably street lighting. There's things around. There's parks. There's all these pieces that you say you'd love to live there."

By coordinating the road work with the community's wishes, he said everyone wins.

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